



RWI Parent Meeting 2

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At our most recent parent meeting this year, we discussed how our RWI phonics scheme progresses onto Set 2 and Set 3 sounds and how you can support with reading the storybooks at home. Please find below our top tips for supporting your child's reading journey. Please also take the time to watch the videos linked to these. Thankyou for your continued support.

1. Use pure sounds rather than letter names. Practise saying the sounds correctly and help by correcting your child.
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/4e76pDwR/twOuMOZN>
2. Watch the Virtual Classroom films together (QR codes we send home). Set aside 10mins each day to quietly listen to the films.
3. Practice saying the sounds and the phrase. Work on these so your child can say the sounds speedily.
4. Help your child to read words by saying 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, Read the Word'.
5. Encourage your child to read their home school reading books 5 times a week.

Three things to do

1. Ask your child to read the sounds and words before they read the story. They will enjoy teaching you to read these words too.
2. When your child reads the story, encourage them to read the word in Fred Talk if they hesitate or read it incorrectly. Praise them when they succeed.
3. Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving - your child's energy is going into reading the words not the story.

Three things *not* to do

1. Don't read the story to them first.
2. Don't ask your child to guess a word by looking the pictures.
3. And, importantly, please try not to become irritable if your child ever struggles! Keep smiling!
6. Remember your child will have read these books at least 3 times at school before they bring their books home. We help the children to read accurately, then fluently so that they can work on their comprehension. Please avoid saying 'This book is too easy for

you!' but instead say 'I love how well you can read this book!'. They are meant to be able to read all of the words as the book is matched to their level. Encourage them to use their storyteller voice!

7. The more they read, the faster progress they will make!
8. Help your child by reading back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. Praise them when they succeed.
9. Read to your child every day and follow our top 10 tips for story times. You can use our library books that come home.

Watch this video to understand why this is important.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/eBZoOmxB/409935rc>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GU7Ku4jz/6UPu81QZ>

Other helpful videos:

What is RWI phonics?

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/We75cyQf/you7QNDJW>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9F7lbsfr/DNSEf5lj>

Reading digraphs (special friends) with your child

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QIITOBTj/GZi45bn0>

How to say the sounds

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VNDbaKxH/SR8eKwc3>

How to share the home school reading books – parent example video

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/fmDV5PFm/uLHOvmz8>

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson