



Little Learners Nursery Group: Read Write Inc. guide for parents

Read Write Inc (RWI) is the phonics programme we teach in nursery, when children are ready. Before children are ready to move onto this programme we teach children through a programme called 'Letters and Sounds.' Typically when our pupils reach the Panda room, they are ready to slowly move onto the RWI programme. It is also the programme used by St Mary's and St Saviour's school. We teach the sounds the letters make, not the names of the letters. We also teach lower case letters only at this stage. The sounds are taught in the order below so that children can create words sooner than teaching a,b,c. The children still learn the alphabet song of course.

Learning Set 1 Speed Sounds

These are the Set 1 Speed Sounds written with one letter:

m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x

These are the sounds written with two letters (your child will call these 'special friends'):

sh th ch qu ng nk ck

Check if your child can read these sounds. Make sure they say sounds like 'mmm', not letter names like 'em'. Watch the [Sound Pronunciation Guide video](#) to help you.

If your child is learning Set 1 Speed Sounds, help them to:

- Practise the sounds they have been taught from the [My Set 1 Speed Sounds Book](#)
- Complete the [Speed Sounds practice sheets](#) for the Speed Sounds they have learnt. These help children to write the letters they are learning. Please ask if you would like us to print these on your behalf. Anything to strengthen motor skills is also helpful - threading, chalk, coloring in, play dough, tablet games to promote fine motor skills. Even larger gross motor skills help children develop the muscles they need.
- Practise reading the Speed Sounds speedily with the [Set 1 Speed Sounds complete list](#)

Learning to blend with Set 1 Speed Sounds

Your child is learning to read words containing Set 1 Speed Sounds by sound blending. For example:

m-a-t *mat*

c-a-t *cat*

g-o-t *got*

f-i-sh *fish*

s-p-o-t *spot*

If your child is learning to sound blend, help them to:

- You could watch the [Sound Blending video](#) to help you support your child with sound blending.
- Read the [Ditty Sheets 1–28](#) in order. These have notes for parents.
- When your child can sound blend confidently, they can also practise reading the words on the [Set 1 Green Storybooks - complete Speedy Green Words](#) for Red Ditty level. The idea here is that they begin to recognise words by sight not by sounding out. This helps with reading fluency.