

Fred games to play at home



In Read Write Inc Phonics at school, we use Fred the frog to 'Fred talk' words. Fred can only speak in sounds. He says d-o-g, h-a-t etc. Speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds. Fred helps children practise blending sounds together because he needs the children to say the words for him. Fred says d-o-g, children tell him the word is dog.

This is how we **quickly** teach **all of our children** to blend.

Supporting your child with Fred games at home will reinforce the learning they are doing in school.

Remember that:

- Children need to know sounds – not letter names – to read words.
- We pronounce the sounds clearly, using short pure sounds ('m' not 'muh', 's' not 'suh', etc) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds together to make words more easily.

Some ideas to practise at home:

- Say the word in sounds as Fred followed by the whole word e.g. c-a-t, cat. Ask your child to repeat. Can they 'jump-in' with the whole word?
- Use the flash cards to quickly recall the sounds, by flipping through the pack.
- Use the flash cards to make cvc (consonant vowel consonant) words e.g. sit, mat, sad etc for the children to read. We teach children to read words using Fred Talk to blend together the sounds they know e.g. m-a-t, mat. We say 'Fred Talk, read the word'.
- You can also Fred talk words to your child and ask them to find the cards needed to make that word in the right order.
- Use the activity mats to practise reading and writing the sounds on their own and in words. Slide the mats into the plastic wallet and use the dry wipe pen to write so that it can be cleaned off and the mats can be reused.