# Read Write Inc

PHONICS AND READING IN YEAR ONE

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- Children learnt the phonic sounds in Foundation Stage.
- They will continue to learn new sounds in Year One such as ir, a-e, u-e.
- They will also learn how to read and spell red words

#### SPECIAL FRIENDS?

- Children learn that sounds that have 2 phonemes (sounds) are called special friends e.g ai, ee, ou etc.
- When reading the teacher asks: special friends? And the children look for the special friends within words.
  - When reading at home ask your child to look for special friends BEFORE attempting to read the word.

# ALIEN WORDS

- As part of the phonics screening children need to be able to read real and "alien words" using their phonic skills.
- As part of their phonics lesson children read alien words - after they have read them they "What a lot of nonsense!"
- It is the same process: Look for special friends and then say the word.

### **RED WORDS**

- Some words can't be "sounded out." These are red words.
- The teacher shows the children the word and explains that the word can't be sounded out.
- Children learn to spell the words by naming the sounds.

## **BOOKMARKS**

- The children receive a bookmark with words on.
- Every child will have received at least one bookmark since they have been back at school.
- Please help your child to read these words as part of your reading at home.
- Children can also be encouraged to learn how to spell them too.

#### COUNTING SOUNDS

• When writing words we ask the children to count how many sounds there are in the word and show on their fingers before writing.

• Eg:

# shout

#### COUNTING WORDS

- To help children learn to write in sentences we ask them to count how many words are in their sentence before they write it.
- This is called: Hold a sentencee.g:

The bad fox bit the hen.

# BOOKS HOME

- Children bring home 2 reading books every MONDAY. The Book Bag book is the one to focus on as this matches closely with what they are reading at school.
- The Oxford Reading Tree book will be more challenging.
- As children progress and the books become longer they may not be able to read the whole book in one go.
- Asking your child questions about the book they have read will also support their comprehension and is a key skill to develop. Book bag books have questions in to help you.
- Reading books must be returned on a FRIDAY.

# LIBRARY BOOKS

- Children choose a library book to take home for the weekend on a FRIDAY.
- Please return this on MONDAY (to be quarantined).
- Please can book bags be in every day.