#  <br> Phonics 

## Why synthetic phonics?

"Synthetic phonics offers the vast majority of young children the best and most direct route to becoming skilled readers and writers" Sir Jim Rose

Rose Review of Reading 2006

## Why Read Write Inc Phonics?

$\square$ Tried and tested over many years
$\square$ Systematic and structured
$\square$ Early success in reading
$\square$ Training and ongoing staff development

## What is Read Write Inc Phonics?

$\square$ A rapid Learn to read programme so children can...
$\square$ Read to learn for the rest of their lives

## Who is it for?

$\square 4$ year olds plus
$\square$ Older children who need to 'catch-up'
$\square$ Children new to English

## How does it work?

## Children:

$\square$ Learn 44 sounds and matching letters/letter groups
$\square$ Learn to blend sounds to read words
$\square$ Read lots of specially written books

This is decoding

## How does it work?

## Children:

$\square$ Talk a lot about what they have read to show they understand
$\square$ Listen to and discuss other ideas to deepen understanding

This is comprehending


## Sounds

## All words are made up of sounds

## In English there are 44


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## Graphemes

A grapheme is a sound written down

English has more than 150 graphemes

A complex code!

## Chart

## This chart shows the most usual graphemes for the 44 sounds

## The complex English alphabetic code

Consonants: stretch

| $f$ | $l$ | $m$ | $n$ | $r$ | $s$ | $v$ | $z$ | $s h$ | th | $n g$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ff | ph | ll | mm | mn | rr | ss | ve | zz | ti |  |
| pn | kn | wr | se |  | s | ci |  |  |  |  |

Consonants: bounce

| b | c <br> k <br> ck ch | d <br> dd | $\begin{gathered} 9 \\ 99 \end{gathered}$ | h | $\begin{gathered} j \\ g \\ g e \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} p \\ p p \end{gathered}$ | qu | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{t} \\ \mathrm{tt} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { w } \\ \text { wh } \end{gathered}$ | $x$ | y | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{ch} \\ & \mathrm{tch} \end{aligned}$ |
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Vowels

| $a$ | $e$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $e a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $e$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Learning the code

## Children learn a simple code first

## Simple Speed Sounds chart

Consonants: stretchy

| $f$ | $l$ | $m$ | $n$ | $r$ | $s$ | $v$ | $z$ | $s h$ | th | $n g$ <br> $n k$ |
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Consonants: bouncy

| $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $g$ | $h$ | $j$ | $p$ | $q u$ | $t$ | $w$ | $x$ | $y$ | $c h$ |
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Vowe/s: bouncy

| Vowels: stretchy |  |  |  |  |
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| $a$ | $e$ | i | o | c |



# If English had a simple code spelling and reading would be much easier!! 

play mayk trayn cafay strayt wayt brayk green dreem kee hee happee
light kight fligh Igh igh tigh
blow smowk flowt gow mowst
moon broot bloo groo

| $f$ | $l$ | $m$ | $n$ | $r$ | $s$ | $v$ | $z$ | $s h$ | th | $n g$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $n k$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Consonants: bouncy

| $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $g$ | $h$ | $j$ | $p$ | $q u$ | $t$ | $w$ | $x$ | $y$ | $c h$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $k$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Vowels: bouncy
Vowels: stretchy

| $a$ | $e$ | $i$ | $o$ | $u$ | $a y$ | $e e$ | igh | ow |
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Vowels: stretchy

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$\square \mathrm{c}-\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{t}$

- ch-a-t
- l-igh-t
a c-r-a-sh


## How can you help your child?

By...
$\square$ Saying the 44 English sounds in a pure way
$\square$ Knowing the letters and groups of letters (graphemes) used to read and write the sounds
$\square$ Understanding 'Fred' and how he helps with reading and spelling

Consonants: stretchy

| $f$ | $l$ | $m$ | $n$ | $r$ | $s$ | $v$ | $z$ | sh | th | $n g$ |
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| $n k$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Consonants: bouncy

| $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $g$ | $h$ | $j$ | $p$ | $q u$ | $t$ | $w$ | $x$ | $y$ | $c h$ |
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Vowels: bouncy
Vowels: stretchy

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## Set 1 sounds

## Set 2 sounds



## Fred...

Fred helps children learn to read

Fred can only talk in sounds...
(Fred can only say $c_{-} a_{-} t$, he can't say cat)

We call this Fred Talk

## Fred...

$\square$ If children understand Fred they can blend orally

Blending is needed for reading

## Fred...

Fred helps children learn to spell as well!
Children convert words into sounds

They press the sounds they hear on to their fingers...

We call this Fred Fingers


## Storybooks and Get Writing Books



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## Fresh Start Modules: reading and writing



## So how can you help your child?

$\square$ By knowing the 44 pure sounds

$\square$ By using the Speed Sound cards with your child $m$ a a ay ee
$\square$ By knowing how to blend using Fred Talk for reading $\qquad$
$\square$ By knowing how to do Fred Fingers for spelling

$\square$ By having fun with Fred Talk at home!
"What a tidy r-oo-m!"
"Where's your c-oa-t?"
"Time for b-e-d!"
back, head, tum, leg, hand, foot, knee
coat, hat, scarf, zip, sock, glove
run, walk, skip, hop, fast, slow, stop, shop
red, blue, green, black,
knife, fork, spoon, plate, bowl, pan
bread, cheese, meat, soup, jam, cake

## And...

$\square$ By reading to your child lots of lovely stories and asking lots of questions!

## Use these prompts to help you:



## And...

$\square$ By talking to your child as much as possible and 'feeding' them new and different words:
"Let's eat our lunch now."
"Let's munch our lunch now."
"Let's scoff our lunch now."
"Let's devour our lunch now!"

You're looking ...not just...but...
I'm not just... I'm....!

## And...

$\square$ By enriching conversations through description:
"Look at that rain. It looks like little diamonds sparkling on the window pane!"
$\square$ By having fun with words and language.
"I'm as hot as a spud in a cooking pot!"
$\square$ By praising your child for using new words or interesting images
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## And...

$\square$ By having a look at the parents' pages on the web for tips and resources for supporting your child at home:
www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com
or
www.oup.com
(RWI resources are published by
Oxford University Press)

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## Thank you...

## Happy reading!

Appendices


## Reading by six

## How the best schools do it

- 'Effective teachers are highly trained to instill the principles of phonics, can identify the learning needs of young children, and recognise and overcome the barriers that impede learning.'
$\square$ HMI Ofsted report on 'Reading by Six'
$\square$ December 2010


## Reading levels

$\square$ Set 1 sounds and blending
Fiction and non fiction texts Green, Purple, Pink: NC level 1b
$\square$ Set 1 \& 2 sounds
Fiction and non fiction texts Pink, Orange: NC level 1b-1a
Fiction and non fiction texts Yellow: NC level 1a-2c
Fiction and non fiction texts Blue: NC level $2 b$
$\square$ Set 1, 2, 3 sounds
Fiction and non fiction texts Blue, Grey: NC level $2 b-2 a+$

