

## **How do we teach RWI phonics at Friskney All Saints?**

### **Reading:**

The children learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts. They learn to read words using Fred talk and sound blending. They read from a range of storybooks and non-fiction books matched to their phonic knowledge. They work well with partners and develop comprehension skills in stories by answering 'Find It' and 'Prove It' discussion questions.

### **Writing:**

The children learn to write and form the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds with the help of fun phrases. They learn to write words by using Fred Talk. They learn to build sentences by practising sentences out loud before they write.

### **Talking:**

The children work in pairs so that they answer every question, practise every activity with their partner, take turns in talking and reading to each other and develop ambitious vocabulary

### **What are pure sounds?**

We use pure sounds ('m' not 'muh', 's' not 'suh', etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily. At school we use a puppet called Fred who is an expert on sounding out words! we call it, 'Fred Talk'. E.g. m-o-p, c-a-t, m-a-n, sh-o-p, b-l-a-ck.

The children are taught the sounds in 3 sets throughout their time in KS1.

### **What are green and red words?**

Within all the books children will have red and green words to learn to help them to become speedy readers. Red words are words that are not easily decodable and challenge words to extend children's vocabulary. Green words are linked to the sounds they have been learning and are easily decodable.

### **What are nonsense words?**

As well as learning to read and blend real words children will have plenty of opportunities to apply their sound recognition skills on reading 'Nonsense words'. These words will also feature heavily in the Year One Phonics Screening check in the summer term.

### **What are ditties and storybooks?**

During the RWI session children will read short books called ditties and then longer books called storybooks. They read the book three times in class and at each new reading they will have plenty of opportunities to develop their fluency and comprehension skills.

### **What are book bag books?**

Once the children have read a ditty or storybook in class, they will bring home a book bag book to read at home. This book is a book they will be able to read themselves by sounding out and blending to read the words. Please support your child by hearing them read and giving them lots of praise and encouragement. They need to read this book 3 times in order to develop their fluency.