

# Phonics teaching at St Aidan's VC Primary School



Your child will learn to read in a very simple way.

They will learn to:

- Read **letters** by their 'sounds'
- Blend these sounds into **words**
- Read the words in a **story**.



First, your child will learn to read:

• **Set 1 Speed Sounds:** these are 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

Sounds written with two letters (your child will call these 'special friends'):

sh th ch qu ng nk ck

**Set 2 Speed Sounds:** long vowels

ay ee igh ow oo ar or air ir ou oi

**Set 3 Speed Sounds:**

ire ear ure

[How to say the sounds - YouTube](#)

It is important that we use pure sounds, such as 's' not 'suh', so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words.



# Reading Words

Here are some words containing these sounds, we call this sound blending

m-a-t *mat*

c-a-t *cat*

g-o-t *got*

f-i-sh *fish,*

s-p-o-t *spot*

b-e-s-t *best*

s-p-l-a-sh *splash*



We use 'Fred Talk' to help children read and spell words that can be decoded (also known as green words)



# Writing Words

When we write words, we use our 'Fred Fingers' to spell them out.

We use sound mats to help the children link sounds to letters.

c a t



*Fred fingers*

s a t



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

Sound mat

ay	ee	igh	ow	oo	oo
ar	or	air	ou	ir	oy

# What can I do at home?



- Your child will bring home a new sound 4x a week.
- Practise writing 'm' saying 'Maisie mountain, mountain'
- Name each picture  
'm' mouse      'm' mountain      'm' mirror
- Spot the sounds whilst reading books and when you're out and about.

Practise handwriting

Maisie, mountain, mountain

m m m m m

Practise sound-writing

m

Ask your child to read the sounds and words before they read the story.

Remind your child to use Fred talk.

