



# **John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School**

## **How we teach reading**



Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into ensuring that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.



We want your child to love reading – and want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

Handout: Ten top tips for reading stories to your child  
Watch out for our Reading Cafes!



# How will my child be taught to read?

At John of Gaunt we use a recognised programme called Read, Write, Inc.

We started this programme on the children's first day in reception.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/x6MZbO5a/yEQGCfKC>



# Understanding Phonics

The English language is complex

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WVTNrXZB/pcMRFdoc>



# How can I support my child to learn Set 1 sounds and to blend?

Use pure sounds, not letter names.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sU15YqPj/7JLmWYER>



# How can I support my child to learn Set 1 sounds and to blend?

Play Fred games together

Fred says ...

Fred's fridge

Fred's toybox



# How can I help my child to practise their handwriting?

Remind your child:

- To hold their pencil in 'perfect pencil grip'
- Say the handwriting phrase to help them form the letter correctly
- Say the sound and ask your child to write it





# How can I help my child to practise their handwriting?

- Support and encourage your child to start letters at the correct position

We will be sending home laminated name cards and read write inc. letter formation sheets. There is a handwriting phrase handout to take away today.



# Sound blending books

Your child may come home with a sound blending book.

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# Reading Books

Once your child is ready, reading books will be sent home each Friday in their book-bag.

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7FadUjCI/b5NpJO30>



# How will I know how well my child is doing?

After the first half term your child will work with children who are at the same reading level as them. Children will move to a different group if they are making progress. Your child will have one-to-one support if we think he or she needs some extra help.

We will keep you updated at parent's evenings or arrange to speak to you if we need to.



# Glossary

**‘Special friends’** a combination of two or three letters representing one sound, e.g. ck, ay, igh, ee

**‘Fred Talk’** Fred the frog helps children to read and spell. He can say the sounds in words but he can’t say the whole word, so the children have to help him.





# Glossary

**‘Perfect pencil grip’** wherever possible children sit at a table to write. They hold a pencil using the tripod grip with the non-writing hand flat holding their paper.

**‘Fred in your head’** once children can sound out a word, we teach them to say the sounds silently in their heads.



# Glossary

**‘Red Words’** red words are also known as common exception or tricky words. They occur in stories regularly (said, what, where) but have unusual letter combinations (‘ai’ in the makes the sound ‘e’). Remind your child not to use Fred Talk to read Red Words but instead to ‘stop and think.’ Tell them the word if you need to.



# Resources

## Read Write Inc. Home: Phonics Flashcards



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The bestselling approach to getting ready to read!

Author **Ruth Miskin** and Illustrator **Tim Archbold**

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# Resources

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**Please take some handouts**