

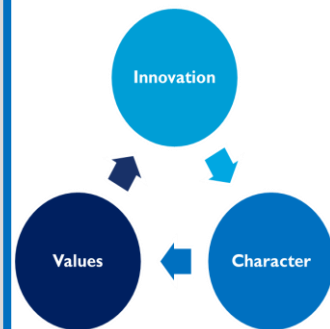


Foundation Stage Literacy Ideas for Home



Dear Parents and Carers,

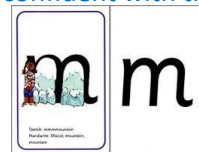
In line with our current learning we have provided some exciting and fun activities you can try at home with your child. Reading and writing development is closely linked to Language development. Being in a language rich environment promotes vocabulary and creativity. Talking and reading to your child is so important for their development. Quite often the smallest and simplest of activities have the greatest impact. We hope you enjoy the activities.



Read Write Inc

A Read Write Inc 'Reading at Home' booklet is in the home learning section of the website.

- Continue to practice the Read Write Inc speed sounds. These are the set one sounds and for some children the set two sounds as well. You could make your own set of flash cards to review the sounds daily. Or you could use the simple speed sound chart which you could view or print off from the home learning section of our school website. Point to each sound, encouraging your child to say the pure sound (not putting uh at the end of the sound for example; 'm' not 'muh'). If you would like to hear the pure sounds we have provided a link below. You could use this video with your child, this would be particularly useful if your child is not confident with their sounds.
[phonics pure sounds video \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/phonics/pure-sounds-video)



- Tricky Red words – Use the red word grid (file uploaded to home learning area of the website) to practice reading. These words can not be sounded out and will need to be learnt by sight. Point to the words randomly and practise daily encouraging your child to read the words.

the	you	I
said	be	of
my	your	he
put	no	be

- Fred Talk - If your child needs help to orally blending words (hearing the sounds) use Fred Talk throughout the day. For example: Please go and get your b-a-g. We need to find a p-e-n.
- Create a set of flash cards with words for your child to read (see the below list). First encourage them to fred talk (m-a-t) words but eventually they are aiming to use 'fred in their head' (read the sounds in their head then say the word) and read each word. Here are some words to practise. Start at 1.2 and work your way through them as the children become more confident.

1.2 words - in, on, it, an, and, pin, pat, got, dog, sit, tip, pan, gap, dig, top

1.3 words – bin, cat, cot, can, kit, mud, up, cup, bad

1.4 words – bed, met, get, fan, fun, fat, lip, log, let, had, hit, hen, ship, shop, fish

1.5 words – red, run, rat, jog, jet, jam, vet, yap, yes, yet, yum, web, win, wish, wet, sock

1.6 words – thin, thick, this, zag, zip, chin, chop, chat, quiz, quit, fox, box, fix, six, sing, bang, thing, wing

1.7 words – bell, well, fell, huff, mess, back, think, wink, blob, blip, drop, drip, clip, from, frog, flag, grin, gran, pram, slip, skip, skin, spot, stop, trap, trip, best, test, bend, jump, hand, send, dress, fluff, black, stink, stamp, stand, pocket, packet, ticket, rocket, puppet, bucket, carrot, rabbit, kitten, kitchen, seven, given, robin, lemon, ribbon, button, jacket.

Share Stories

- Enjoy stories together. Read to your child every day. Be creative and make up your own stories together. Ask questions about the story – use the prompts stuck in the red home school link book.
- Retell a traditional tale acting it out using toys. For example, The three little pigs with Lego, Goldilocks and the Three Bears with soft toys. Make a poster or sell tickets to come and watch. Film it on a device and share with school after.
- Oxford Owl website have many free books online for children to read and listen to. There are many more free and exciting resources on the website.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

- The Book Trust website also has lots of stories you can read and listen to online.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

- There are many stories on online to share with your child. Here are a few favourites.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=bearhunt+story&view=detail&mid=E52860AC8DF399C965A4E52860AC8DF399C965A4&FORM=VIRE>

Owl Babies

<https://vimeo.com/55971653>

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQQK-Sm1YY>

Make a reading den at home to share lots of wonderful stories.



Sing Songs

Singing songs together promotes language development and helps children explore the rhythm in words. Children are also able to dance along which promotes movement and exercise. Cbeebies have a great website with a huge variety of songs (see link below). Your child may enjoy recording their singing on an electronic device so they can watch it back. Here are a few suggestions.

Humpty Dumpty, Hickory Dickory Dock, Sing a song of Sixpence and other traditional nursery rhymes

The Wheels on the Bus

Down in the Jungle

Down at the station

I can sing a rainbow (the children will be able to teach you the Makaton signs for this song)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

Writing

- Helping your child to write the sounds using the correct formation is important. Complete the Read Write Inc booklet and keep practising. Focus on one sound at a time, then write simple words for your child to copy, encourage the correct formation. Use chalks or a wet paint brush and write on the patio or pavement.
- Create a fun writing book with your child (or use the red home school link book). Together you could draw a picture then encourage your child to write a simple sentence about the picture. For example draw a picture of a cat wearing a hat and write 'The cat has a hat on'. Talk about the tricky red words and that a sentence needs a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end. If your child needs help they can copy the sentence.
- Label things around the home using a simple sentence, for example 'It is a cup'.
- When possible use other materials outside to write and make marks on the ground – chalks, water with a paintbrush

Other Activities

There are many activities at home that you can do with your child to support their reading and writing.

- Play I spy using the letter sounds and names.
- Play board games together
- Cut out pictures from magazines and write about them
- Bake some tasty food and create your own list of ingredients and instructions.
- Play the tray game. Put a random selection of objects on a tray and let the child look at them all. Cover the tray and then remove one or more of the items. Can the child name the missing items.
- If you have any seeds try growing some and keeping a diary of what happens. Draw pictures, write sentences and measure the shoots.
- Make playdough together. Playing with playdough will help strengthen the muscles in your child's hands. (caution the recipe below includes the use of hot water)



You will need:

- 2 cups of plain flour
- Few drops of food colouring
- 2 tbs vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup of salt
- 2 cups of boiling water

What to do:

- Mix the flour, salt, oil and food colouring in a bowl.
- Slowly add the boiling water.
- Stir as you add the water (you may not need it all!).
- Allow to cool and then knead and play.

Useful Websites

- There are a variety of free activities on the IXL website.

<https://uk.ixl.com/ela/reception>

- Watch Alphablocks on BBC iplayer

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks>

- The Youtube website also has a variety of Alphablocks episodes available.
- The National Literacy Trust

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>

- Twinkl have lots of useful activities and are currently offering free access to some parent packs.

[Free Resources and Taster Packs for Parents \(twinkl.co.uk\)](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/free-resources)