**Phonics**

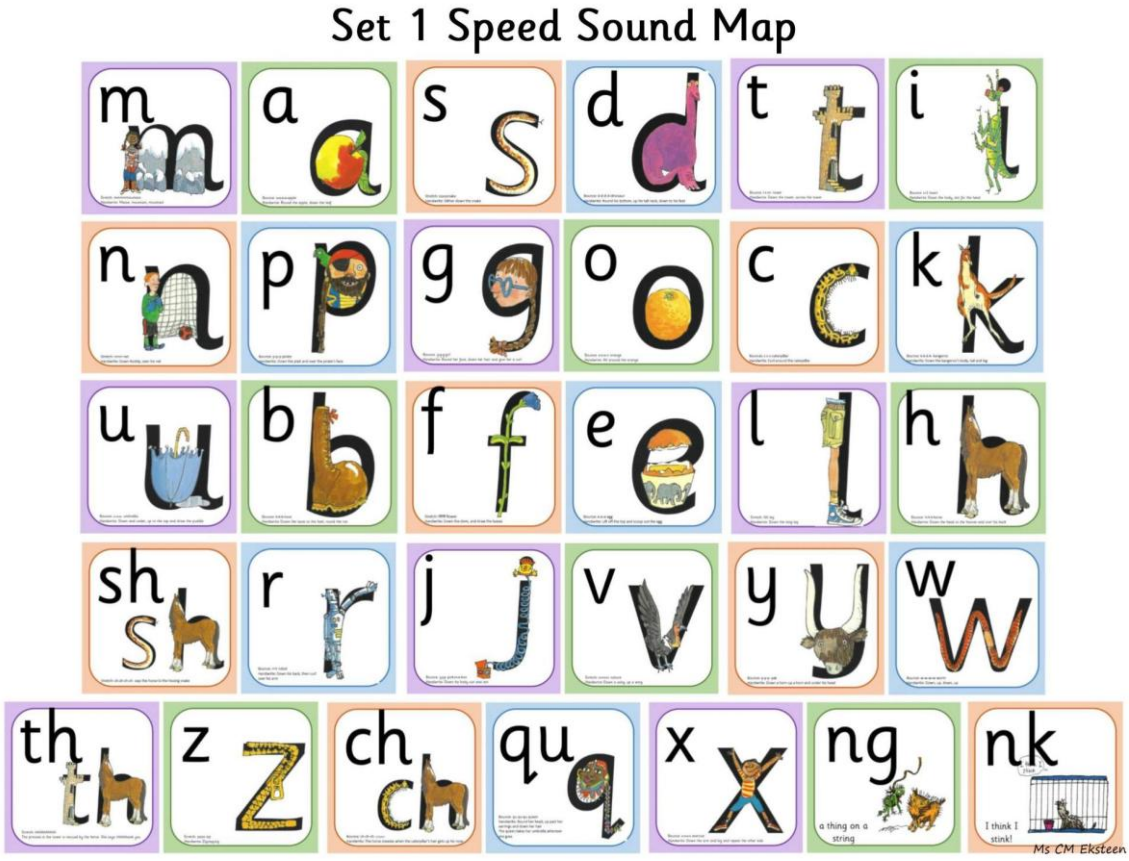
Here at Christ the King, we use a scheme called Read Write Inc. This ensures that every child is given a strong, high quality, structured, daily phonics lesson in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as well as in Year 3 for those children that still need support.

In Year 1 children undertake a Phonics Screening Check, for which you will be given more information closer to the time.

**Sounds**

All sounds are called 'speed sounds' and are grouped into set 1, 2 and 3.

**Set 1** sounds are taught in the following order:




**Set 2** sounds consist of 12 'special friends' made up of two or three letters which represent one sound.

## Set 2 Speed Sound Map

**Set 3** sounds consist of 20 'special friends' made up of two, three, four and five letters which represent one sound

There are also addition sounds required for phonics screening - e_e, ie, ue, au, kn, wh, ph

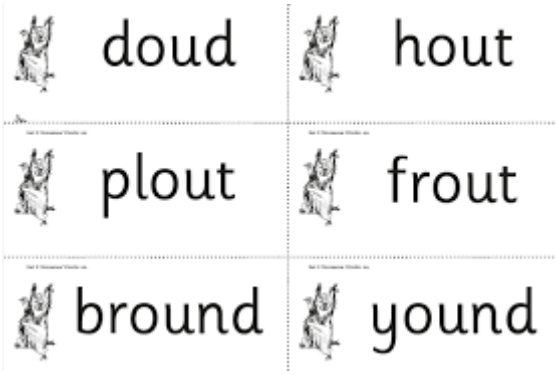
## Set 3 Speed Sound Map

## Fred Talk

We ‘Fred talk’ to sound out words. Fred helps children to read words by pronouncing each sound in the word one at a time. Children can start blending sounds into words as soon as they know a small group of letters.

## Nonsense words (Alien words)

As children build up their knowledge of sounds they are able to apply their decoding skills to any unfamiliar word, whether it be real or nonsense. During lessons each day children will practise their decoding skills by sounding out nonsense words. Children are unable to rely on existing knowledge of real words and instead have to use their letter-sound knowledge. **This is an important part of the Phonics Screening Check that the children complete at the end of year 1.**




## Learning at Home

Your child will be allocated a RWI book in their reading pack every week which will match their phonics group closely.

Reading at home is very important. Please read with your child for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week.