

RWInc Glossary

Phonics – the system of sounds we use to teach children to read

Phoneme – a sound

Grapheme – the letters that are used to record a sound

Digraph – 2 letters that are used to record a sound

Trigraph – 3 letters that are used to record a sound

Fred talk – when we split a word up into its sounds (oral segmenting)

Fred fingers – when we press the sounds in a word onto our fingers to help us spell words

Green words – words which are decodable or follow the rules we teach children about which letters make sounds

White words – green words which we know really well and no longer need to Fred talk

Red words – exceptions which don't follow the rules we have taught children about letters making particular sounds (you can't Fred a red), sometimes called 'high frequency words'

Letter names – the alphabet which we use to refer to letters which make sounds

Special friends – 2 or 3 letters which make one sound (digraph or trigraph)

Split digraph – a sound where the two letters are split up so the e sits on the end of the word (**naughty friends**)

Naught special friends – letters which are so naughty and chatty a good letter has to sit in-between them now but they are sneaky and still hold hands behind the good letters back and make one sound (the e sits on the end of the line), a **split vowel digraph**

Rose Review – a report made to the government which meant the government introduced recommended synthetic phonics teaching in all primary schools

Simple speed sounds chart – a table which shows all the first sounds taught

Complex speed sounds chart – a table which shows several different ways to spell sounds (one sound in each cell)

RWInc – Read Write Inc is a phonics scheme created by Ruth Miskin and used across the UK in primary schools to teach reading and writing

Sound buttons – the markings we put underneath words to indicate sounds (a dot for a single sound and a line underneath letters which make a sound with 2 or more letters)

BugClub – an online way to read books available at our school with your child's log in

Syllables – a set of sounds which make a part of a word, you can hear them when you split a word up into 'claps'

Multisyllabic/Polysyllabic – a word which contains many syllables

Y1 Phonics Screening Check – the national test children take in Y1 when they individually read 40 words to their teacher including real and 'alien' nonsense words