

Blending Workshop



Willow Park
C of E Primary School

How families can support their children with
blending at home

- Creating a love of reading in children is potentially one of the most powerful ways of improving academic standards in school.**
- There can be few better ways to improve pupils chances in school, or beyond in the wider world than to enable them to become truly independent readers.**

Aims for our reading workshop

- Understand what blending is and why it is important.
- Know different ways children's sound blending can be supported at home.
- Allow time for questions.

What is blending and why is it important?

Watch Ruth Miskin's Sound Blending video from the start to 1:13

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8vuje-wMQw>

Once your child can blend they can start to receive school reading books.

How blending can be supported at home

1. Blending orally without cards
2. Blending with sound cards
3. Blending to read Word Time cards
4. Watch 'Fred Games'
5. Play Fred games

1. Blending orally without cards

Use My Turn Your Turn to:

- say the sounds in an exaggerated manner: *c-a-t*.
Pause to allow children to say the whole word
- say the sounds followed by the whole word: *c-a-t*,
cat.

2. Blending with sound cards

Watch Sound Blending video from 1:13 to 3:38

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8vuje-wMQw>

3. Read Word Time cards

In the letters we send home from Robin class weekly, we often include words the children have been trying to blend to read. You can also use these words at home.

1. Cut out some strips of paper and write a word on each strip.
2. Ask your child to say the sounds in Fred Talk *c-a-t* and then read the word *cat*.
3. Say the word *cat* with exaggerated pronunciation. Ask children to repeat it.
4. Repeat steps above for one or two more words.

4. Watch 'Fred Games' on Ruth Miskin's You Tube page

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Browser Tabs:** 'School Portal', '(1) Ruth Miskin Training - YouTub...', and a plus sign for more tabs.
- Address Bar:** '://www.youtube.com/@RuthMiskinTrainingEdu/search?query=fred%20games'. Navigation icons for home, volume, star, print, share, and help are visible.
- Taskbar:** Shows several open applications including 'Philosopher - Filton...', 'Happy Easter biscuits', 'Using formal and in...', 'Jigsaw and Sex Edu...', 'Jigsaw (PSHE & SRE...', and 'Y4-Jigsaw-Letter-C...'. A notification icon with a red '1' is also present.
- YouTube Search Bar:** Contains the text 'fred games'.
- Navigation Menu:** Includes 'Home', 'Videos', 'Playlists', 'Community', 'Channels', and 'About'.
- Search Results:**
 - Playlist:** A thumbnail showing a woman and a frog with '6 videos' and a 'VIEW FULL PLAYLIST' button.
 - Video 1:** 'Fred Games: Action- sing 🐸'. Channel: Ruth Miskin Training. Views: 251. Time: 11 days ago. Description: 'Have your children watched our Fred Games? Fred is having so much fun today - he actually sings! Ely and Fred learn to blend orally. For schools with a subscription to our portal. Find out...'. Duration: 0:53.
 - Video 2:** 'Fred Games: Body Parts 🐸'. Channel: Ruth Miskin Training. Views: 288. Time: 2 weeks ago. Description: 'Fred Games have landed on the school portal! 🐸🐸🐸 Children will love learning to blend orally with Fred. For schools with our online subscription.'. Duration: 0:44.
 - Video 3:** 'Fred Games: Action- Run 🐸'. Channel: Ruth Miskin Training. Views: 208. Time: 10 days ago. Description: 'Have you seen our Ely and Fred Games on our school portal? 🐸🐸🐸 Children will love learning to blend orally with Fred. For schools with our online subscription.'. Duration: 0:44.

5. Play Fred games

Fred Says

Play the game of Fred Says (same as Simon says). Fred says put your hands on your h-e-d, ask your child to repeat h-e-d. Pause to let your child say the whole word and do the action, unless Fred did not say it.

Fred I Spy

I spy something r-e-d. Ask child to repeat. Pause for them to say the whole word and then point to something red.

Fred Adventures

Look at pictures of different settings and Fred Talk something that is in the picture, c-ar. Ask child to repeat. Pause for them to say the whole word and then point the c-ar in the picture.

Sound Blending Books

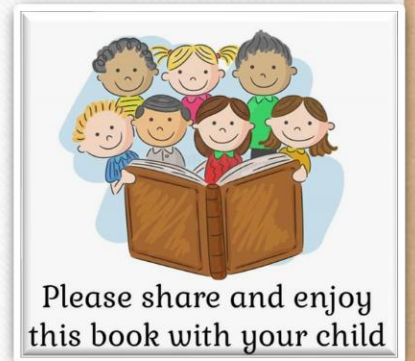
Once your child is blending they will be ready to read Sound Blending books.

Watch Ruth Miskin 'Sound Blending Books'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhLjXT1jP9M>

Reminders:

- School reading books need to be kept in your child's book bag.
- Reading for Pleasure books are for adults to read to their children to enjoy stories together. Please keep these story books in their book bags so they can be changed weekly.



Reminders:

Once they are reading Sound Blending books, please listen to them read their decodable book three times a week and record each time your child has read in their reading record book. The book will be changed each time we hear your child reading the words fluently.



Any Questions?



The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Thank you so much for coming, these slides will be available on the school website from next week.