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## Speedy Words – Information regarding how to use them.

Today, your child will bring home a set of 'Speedy Words' to practise reading and spelling at home. The words are all high frequency words that they are likely to come across often when reading or writing. Some of them are tricky 'Red' words (the name given to them in our Read Write Inc. Literacy scheme) that cannot be read using phonics and so the children have to learn to recognise and remember the whole word. Although many of the words in the Speedy Words sets can be sounded out and read using phonics, the aim is to increase the children's sight vocabulary so that they can read with more speed and fluency. Therefore, although some children will need to sound out and read the words using phonics initially, they should be building up to seeing the word so often that it becomes part of their sight vocabulary.

Set 1 has seven high frequency words that can be used to make simple captions and sentences. By doing this, it helps to support the children's understanding of each word and check that they can use them in context. The children are encouraged to practise spelling the words too but, at this point, **the focus is on reading them.**

At various points, we will assess the children on how well they read the words, by sight and in random order. When appropriate, we will give out the next set which can be added to previous sets to make a wider variety of sentences. To make this manageable, we will usually assess the children every few weeks. However, if you feel your child is particularly confident with a set of words, please make a note in their reading diary or speak to a member of staff.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support.

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