How do we teach early reading using phonics at Blackwell Primary School?

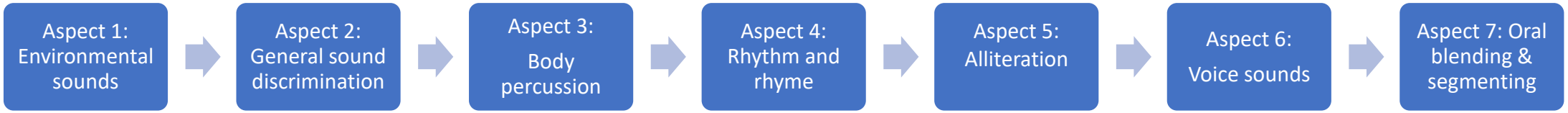
Wednesday 18th November 2026

Aims of this session:

- To become more confident with the language around learning to read (graphemes, phonemes, GPC, segmenting, blending, Fred fingers, green words, red words)
- To support young readers in using their phonics
- To understand the role of ‘parents as partners’ and how to support reading in school
- To nurture a love of books and ‘reading for pleasure’

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- FS1 (Nursery) Phase 1 phonics



What is Read Write Inc?

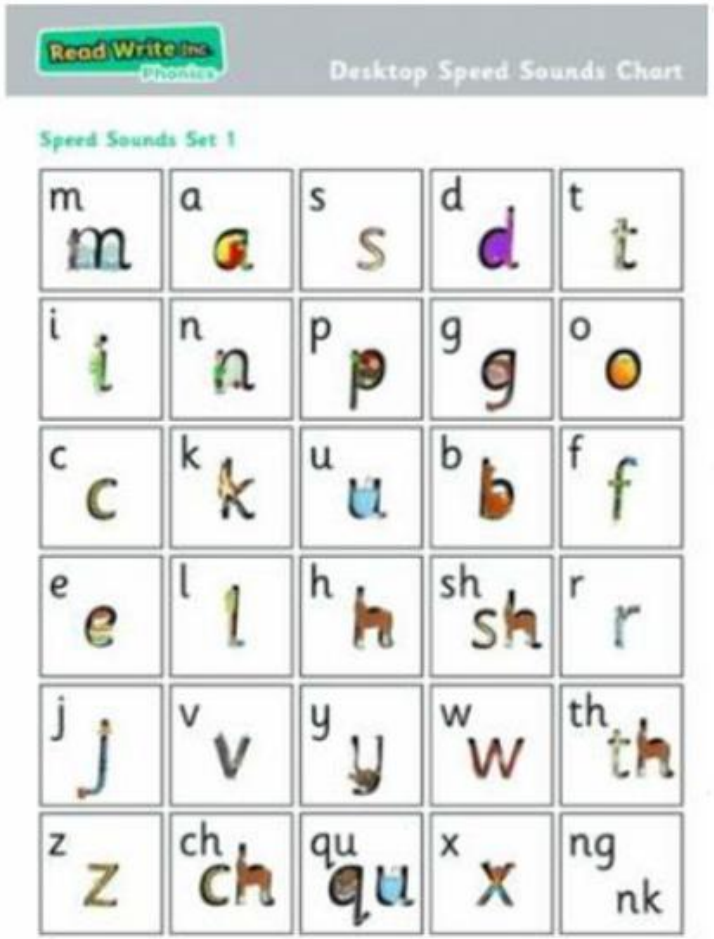


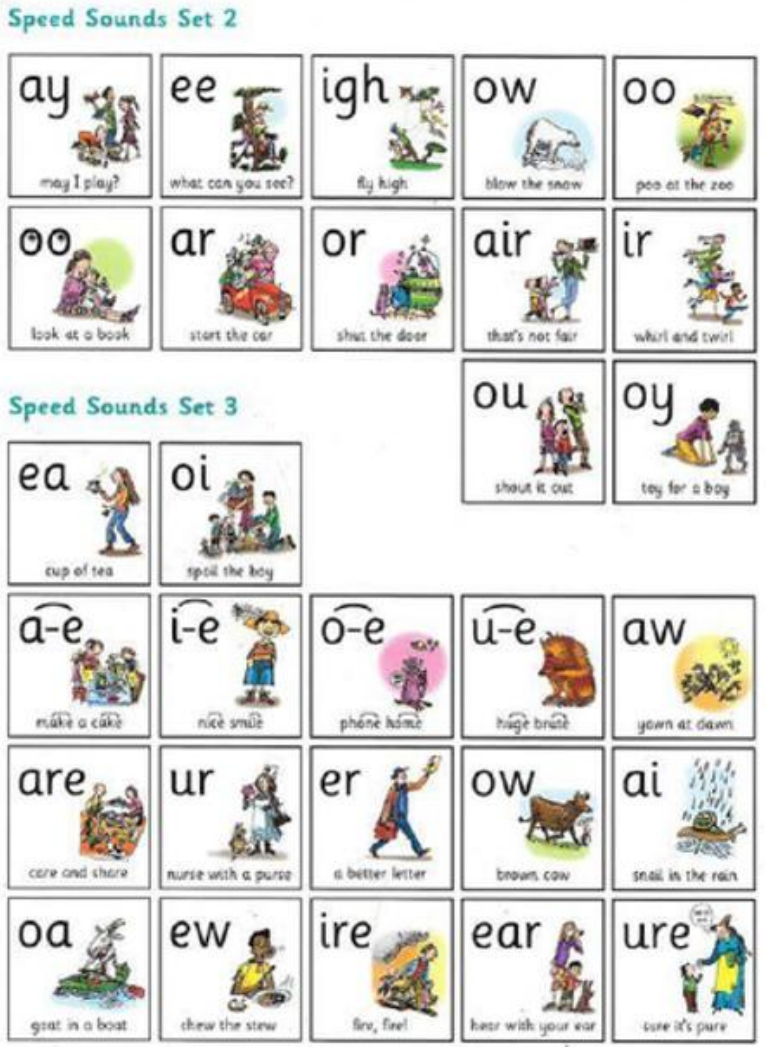
- *Read Write Inc.* Phonics/Speed Sounds is **systematic and structured.**
- **The programme meets the demands of the new national curriculum** – This provides your children with the best chance of success in the national tests including the Phonics Screening Check administered in Year 1.
- **Assessment is rigorous and effective**
- **Your children are appropriately supported** – the resources match your child's learning in class and they can share them with you at home.
- Your child's home reading book will be **matched to their Phonics ability** and regularly reviewed.
- Can be used through school where necessary.
- What is Read Write Inc Phonics
- https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=read+write+inc+understanding+phonics&mid=37FF9226322BF181BB0D37FF9226322BF181BB0D&FORM=VIRE

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[Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl]

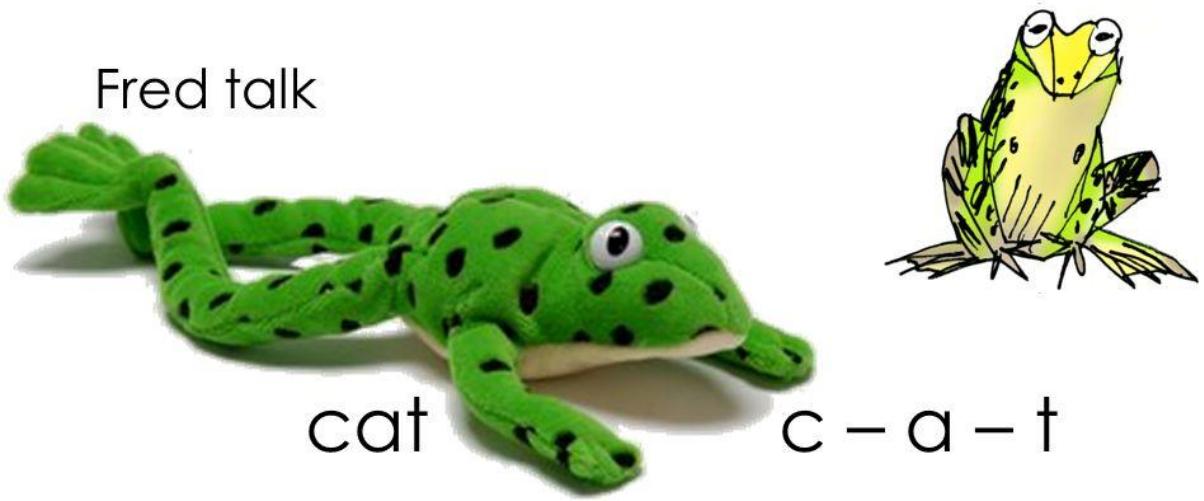
- FS2 & beyond…







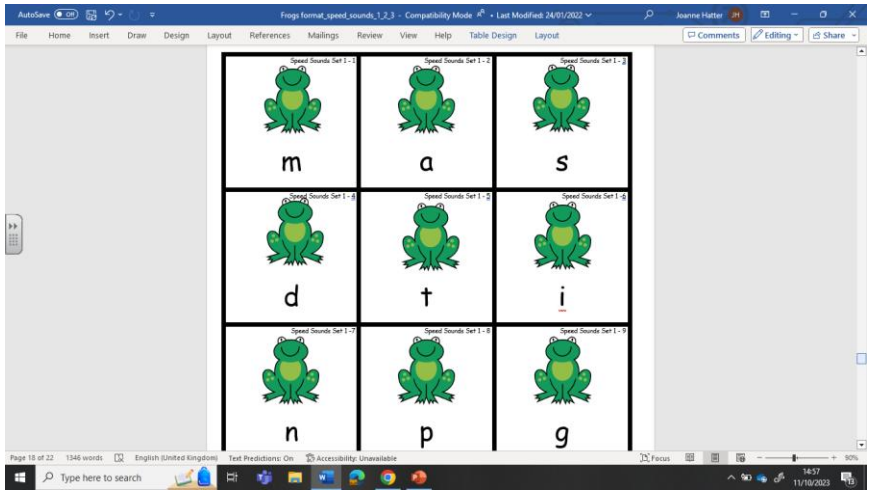
Fred Fingers –Sound Blending video



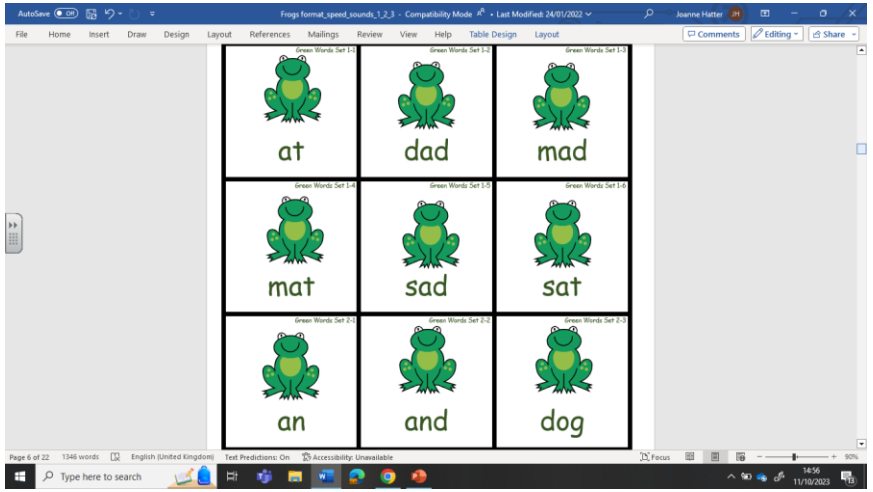
We use Fred the frog to help us learn phonics. Fred can only talk in 'Fred talk' e.g. single sounds like c-a-t. When we are learning the Set 1 sounds, we are also learning to orally blend. We are teaching Fred how to squash those sounds together and blend them into a word.

Resources

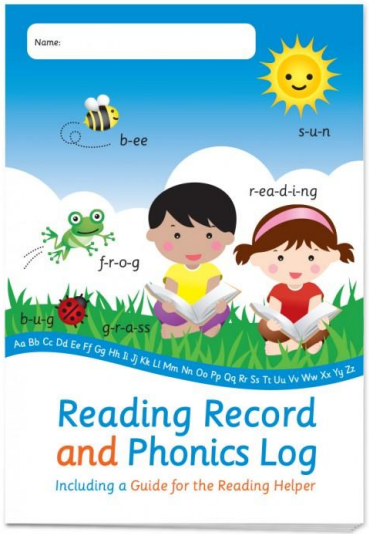


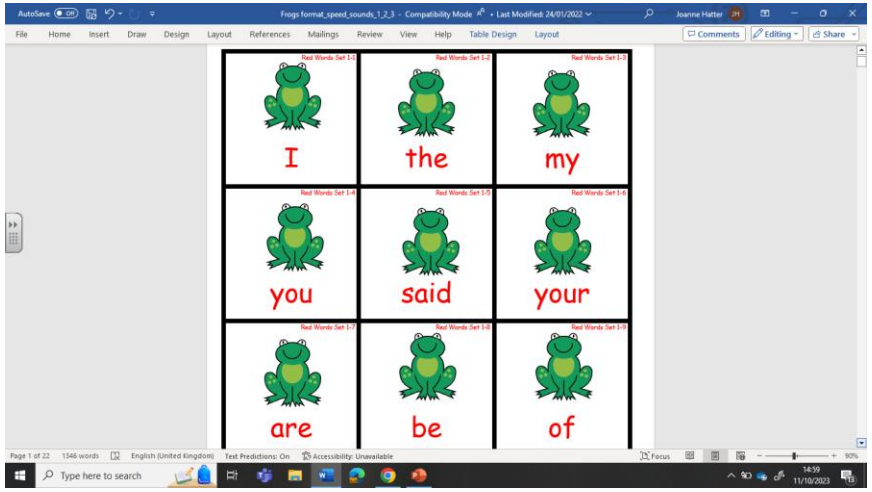


Phonemes – Speed Sounds 1 / 2 / 3



Green Words

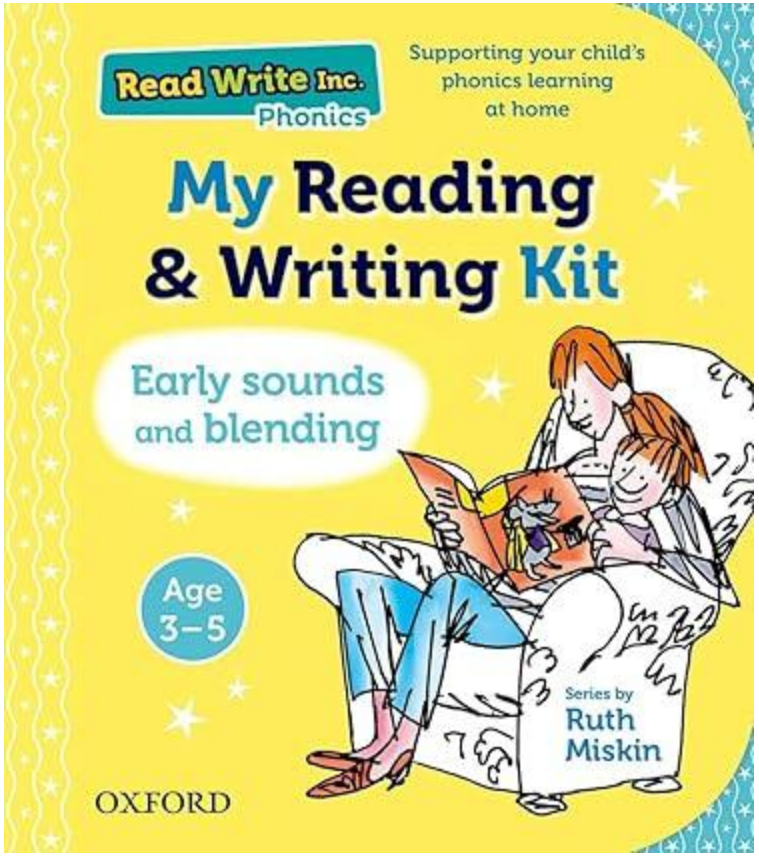


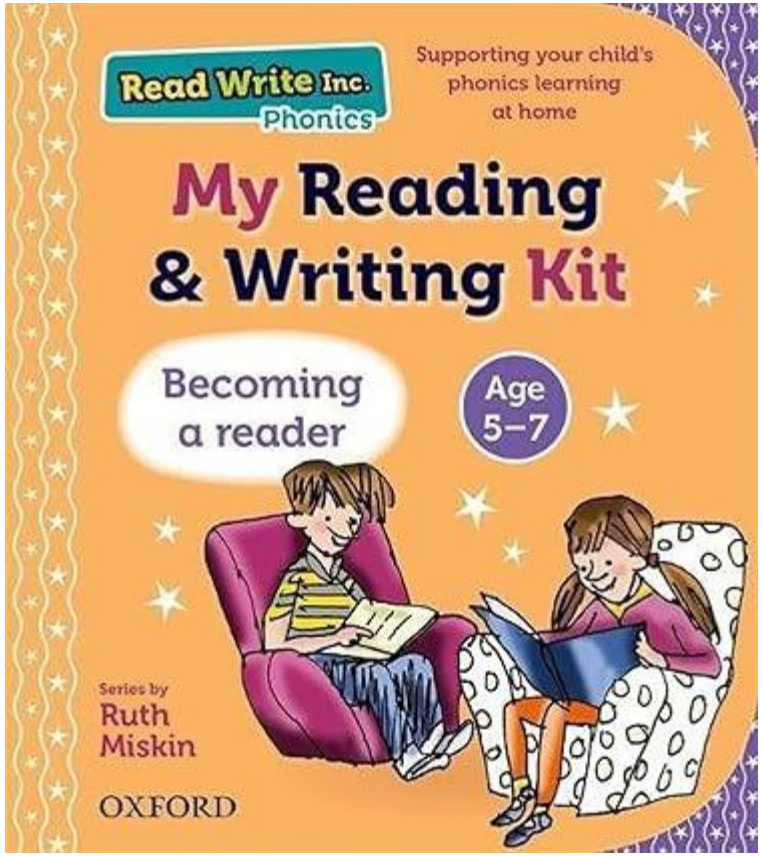


Red Words



Useful resources to purchase







Hairy Letters

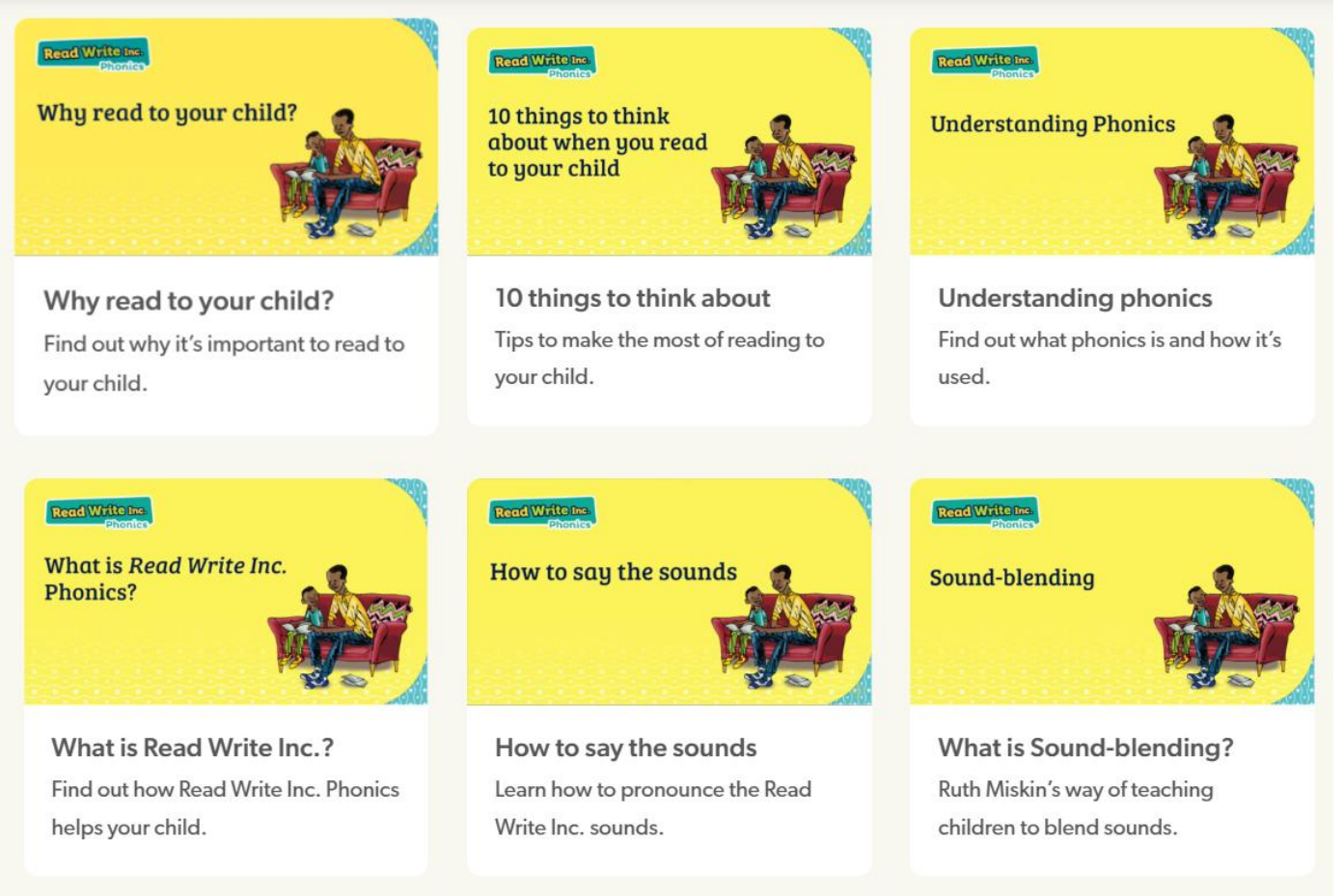


Hairy Phonics 1 / 2 / 3



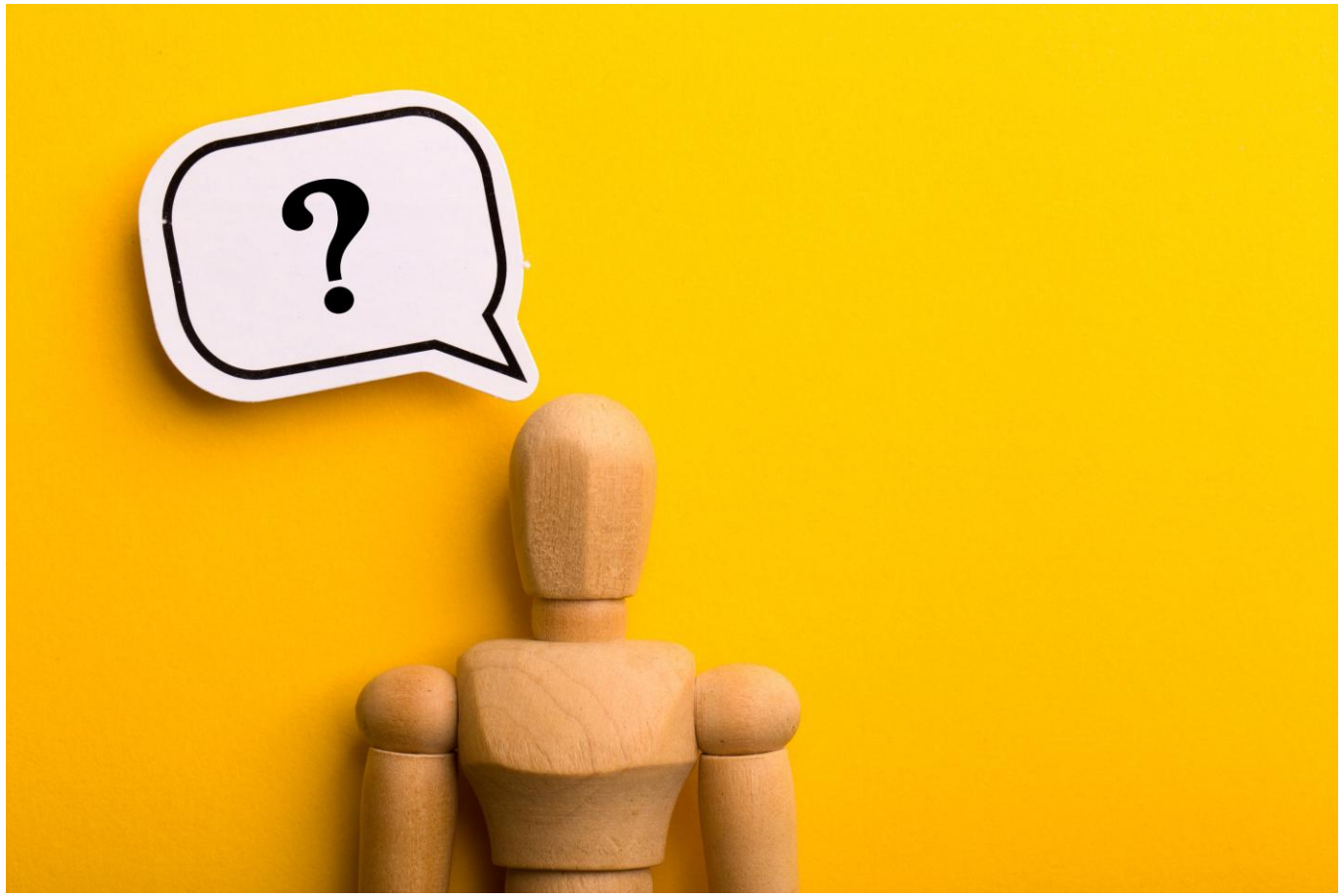
Hairy Words 1 / 2

Parent guide to Read Write Inc. Phonics - Oxford Owl



- Lots of videos and advice for how to help ☺

Questions



Feedback (via Microsoft forms)

FS2 Feedback Form - How do we teach early reading using phonics at Blackwell Primary School

