

Dear Parents and carers,

This week, the children have begun having short daily phonics lessons. At Ark Blacklands we use the successful 'Read Write Inc' Phonics scheme which has many useful resources parents can refer to: <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>. Read Write Inc Phonics is a method of teaching reading and writing, which is centred around learning the sounds of letters (phonics) and then blending those sounds together to read words. The children also learn to break down words into individual sounds in order to write them.

In our daily phonics lessons, the children learn to recognise each letter, form the letters correctly and are beginning to have a go at reading and spelling short words.

This week the children will learn the sounds m, a, s, d and t. The phrases and images below help the children remember each sound.



Working with your child to practice recognising each sound will help them make speedy progress in phonics. Reading to your child daily is also a great tool for developing a love of reading which is essential for success in phonics.

Best regards,

Miss Caush (RWI Phonics Lead) and the Early Years team