

Red Words

Red words are those words which contain spelling patterns that cannot be sounded out. Some of the most frequently used words in the English language have an uncommon spelling pattern and don't sound like they look, for example, said sounds like 'sed'.

Red words have to be learnt by sight. They are used to help the children recognise the fact that there are words that are tricky to read because you cannot sound them out in the normal way. We will be learning them at school throughout the year, and will continue to learn them next year too if necessary.

A good way to practise at home is to put the words onto small pieces of paper and use them as flash cards. When you hold up the word your child should be able to say the word. Please remember you cannot sound out all the sounds in these words as some sounds are 'grotty'!

Remember, not all children learn to read at the same pace. For some children, one word a week will be adequate, whereas others may be able to learn a few more. Continue to keep it fun and only practise in short bursts!

Red words list:

I	some	worse
the	come	talk
you	watch	caught
your	who	bought
said	where	thought
through	was	here
are	were	walk
of	there	they
to	brother	wear
do	other	could
does	mother	should
all	father	great
call	above	water
tall	love	whole
any	two	son
many	buy	once

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