

How can I help my child?

- There is advice on how to support your child which you can read on our Parent Portal: <https://parents.fft.org.uk/tips-for-home-reading/>

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- You can watch videos on the Parent Portal of how to pronounce the GPC your child is learning.
- You can use the alliterative phrases to support your child in practising the new GPC they are learning.
- You can practise reading the Shared Readers at home, these will be uploaded to Seesaw and also available on the Parent Portal.
- Remember to share other exciting books for pleasure and allow your child to hear others read.

Tips to help:

- Know that a GPC is a grapheme phoneme correspondence. That means a sound is matched to one or more written letters: /a/ /ai/ /ay/.
- Saying pure sounds is important, videos of how to say the sounds are available on the Parent Portal.
 - some sounds stretch e.g. m, n, r
 - some bounce e.g. b, p.
 - try to avoid a big 'uh' sound at the end
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- Be aware that your child will be learning GPCs each week and applying them to reading and writing. You will be kept up to date on the class learning via Seesaw.
- The Shared Reader you practise at home with your child will include the focus GPC that they have just learnt that week.
- Understand that it is important not to rush on with reading books that contain unknown GPCs, this is so the children can focus on practising their skills of reading using known phonic knowledge.
- Know that Green words are decodable (you can use phonics to read them).
- Know that Red words are tricky words which means they have parts that are not decodable to your child yet. You can help your child by talking about the part of the word that is tricky and model sounding it out and reading it.
- Reading for pleasure is always welcomed- hearing you read and listening to stories and rhymes is an important part of childhood learning.
- It is however important for children to master phonics as their primary decoding strategy so don't try to push your child on too quickly. Ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure.

