**Willows Read, Write, Inc. – Next Phase of Reading**

Happy New Year everyone. What a great start we have made, so proud of everyone.

This term the children are moving on to the next phase of our Read, Write, Inc. programme. They will still bring home either a Sound Blending book or a laminated sheet. They need to practice their sounds first, then read green words if they have them and finally blend the sounds into words. As they are reading them more fluently, we are starting to use 'Fred in your Head'. This is when you say the sounds in your head and then the word out loud. As they become more confident, they will start to recognise the words without sounding them out. Some of the children are doing this already. I've made a video which hopefully will make things a bit clearer. You should be able to click on it down below. Please write in the orange reading diary every time you hear them read their Sound Blending book or their sheet. It's helpful to know how they are getting on at home.

As they progress, the routine remains the same, it will just look slightly different in a book but it's still: sounds first, then story green words and then the story. The next phase will include 'Red' words: the, I, me, put. There is a writing element but we do that at school. As always, if you have any questions, please come and see me.

Best wishes, Mrs. Simpson