

Tricky Words

The words below contain letters or groups of letters that do not make their usual sound. We call these 'Tricky Words' or 'Red Words'.

The children are taught that you cannot sound out all of these words and that they need to be learnt. When you read with your child, help them to recognise and read these words by sight.

By the end of Reception, your child is expected to be able to read by sight (not sounding out) these tricky words:

a	I	the	put	my	he
of	no	be	are	you	said
come	your	to	go	so	she
me	we	is	into		

By the end of Year 1, your child is expected to be able to read by sight (not sounding out) these tricky words:

his	has	by	ask	push	pull
full	they	do	love	friend	out
house	our	says	all	was	one
some	school	were	there	today	any
who	should	would	could	here	where
water	once				

By the end of Year 2, your child is expected to be able to read by sight (not sounding out) these tricky words:

many	climb	father	whole	people
what	because	great		