



Your child is in 'Yellow Group'.

To date, your child will have learnt one way in which each long vowel sound is written (Set 2 sounds). When learning their Set 3 speed sounds they will be taught that there are more ways in which the same sounds are written, e.g. 'ee' as in tree and 'ea' as in tea. They will be working on 'Yellow books'.

There are 20 Set 3 'speed sounds' that are made up of two or three letters which represent just one sound, e.g. 'ea' as in tea, 'ow' as in cow and 'are' as in care. These are also known as 'digraphs' or 'trigraphs'. As before, it is important that your child does not pronounce these as 2 or 3 separate sounds. When your child sees the 'speed sound' letters together in a word, s/he must say just one sound for these letters. When your child learns their Set 3 sounds in school they will learn:

- the letters that represent a speed sound e.g. 'ea'
- a simple picture prompt linked to the 'speed sound' and a short phrase to say e.g. 'cup of tea'.
- and an action that will help them to remember the phrase and sound

Set 3 Sounds and Phrases	
<b>ea:</b> cup of tea	<b>oi:</b> spoil the boy
<b>a-e:</b> make a cake	<b>i-e:</b> nice smile
<b>o-e:</b> phone home	<b>u-e:</b> huge brute
<b>aw:</b> yawn at dawn	<b>are:</b> care and share
<b>ur:</b> purse for a nurse	<b>er:</b> better letter
<b>ow:</b> brown cow	<b>ai:</b> snail in the rain
<b>oa:</b> goat in a boat	<b>ew:</b> chew the stew
<b>ire:</b> fire fire	<b>ear:</b> hear with your ear
<b>ure:</b> sure it's pure?	<b>tion:</b> celebration
<b>tious/cious:</b> scrumptious/delicious	<b>e:</b> he, me, we, she, be

Every speed sound has a list of green words linked to it so your child can 'sound out' and 'sound blend' words containing the new speed sound they have just learnt, for example, s-p-oi-l spoil.

If you have any questions about the Read Write Inc programme or your child's progress, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.