



# Repton Manor Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a review of spellings/word reading in Year 1 and would like to let you know what we have in place for our Year 1 children to ensure that they develop fluent word reading skills.

As a follow on from Year R, children will be given 'Clifford' red words (5 to a page) to practise reading at home. In school, they will also practise reading them to a grown up. When a grown up in school has heard them read the words ten times correctly, they will move onto the next page of words.

At the end of each term, children will be reviewed on a selection of age appropriate common exception words to see how they are progressing. There will not be any weekly testing.

We are encouraging children to access 'Phonics Shed' (which will also be available in the classroom) to familiarise themselves with sounds that they are being exposed to on their RWI journey. They can play games on here and select a level of difficulty (easy, medium, hard) that they are comfortable with. The sounds progress from single sounds to 'special friends'.

Use the link here to access spelling shed from your device at home:

<https://www.phonicshed.com/en-gb/>

We are hoping to hold an open event later this term where you can come into school to explore Phonics Shed in the classroom with your child so please keep an eye out for further details of this.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading and word fluency journey.

Kindest regards,

**Miss Farmer and Miss Brading**  
**GPS Leads.**