

### **Teaching Sight Words**

Each week we put new sight words into your child's word bag. The new words are based on the new reading sheet we give each week.

Repetition is important, keep going back over all of the words in the word bag. Get two elastic bands, put one band around the words your child knows really well and put the other band around the words your child needs more help with and focus on those.

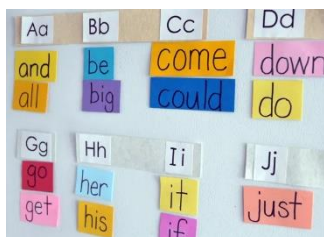
Here are some more tips to help your child learn new words:

#### **Find the Words in Print**



You can start teaching sight words while reading your child bedtime stories by pointing them out in the stories. Seeing the words in print in the text they're already reading, surrounded by other words, will help them learn the words faster.

First, start with pointing the word out, telling them how to pronounce it, and showing it to them over and over again. Once they start to recognize, stop reading the word for them and let them start reading it. As you read, move your finger along the page and when you get to a sight word, stop and let them read it.



#### **Display the Words**

In school we have a word wall, with all of the sight words we have done displayed on it. You could do the same at home, on the fridge or on a whiteboard. Your child will take them in the more they see them in their everyday environment. When you are asking your child the words in the word bag get them to point to them on the fridge too.



#### **Sight Word Games**

All children love to play games, so why not turn playtime into learning time. Make two sets of flashcards for the sight words you want to teach your child, then play games with the cards. For instance, you can play Go Fish with word cards instead of number cards. You can also play Memory; just shuffle the cards and lay them face down. Your child will pick a card then try

to find or remember where they saw the matching card. Word Searches are another great way to help your child start to recognize sight words.

#### **Musical Statues with Sight Words**



The children love this at school, I display the words on a PowerPoint on the board, I play some music and I click through the slides on the PowerPoint. I stop the music and the children have to say the word I have landed on. You could do this at home by simply flicking through the words in the word bag and when the music stops hold up a word and get your child to say the word.

#### **Write the Sight Words**

Create sentences each day using the sight words you want to teach your child. Read the sentence aloud then have them circle the specific words they are learning. For instance, if the word they're learning is "my" and you write the sentence "I like my dog" they would need to find the word "my" and circle it. They can then practice working with these words by rewriting the sentences themselves.