

This week your child is Reading

Tap, Tap

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Words

Some new words
your child is learning

Regular Words for sounding out;

tap, mat, Ted, Dad, Mum, pot, pet, mad,
on, the

Other words to tell your child;

Nat, a, no, her, is, in

Sounds

Some new sounds
your child is learning

m, d, p, t, n, s, a, e, o,

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Some fun ways you can play with sounds and words at home

- Use playdough, modelling clay, pipe cleaners or even blocks to make the shapes of this week's letters. Practice making the 'm' sound when you're creating your letters.
- Talk about how the letter looks, and then brainstorm some words that start with its sound. Your child may remember some of the words from class to start you off! When your child finds a word encourage them to say the name and the letter sound.
 - e.g., mug starts with an 'm' sound
- Write the target letters down around your home, perhaps on your windows or on big pieces of paper – draw your child's attention to them every time you see them and practice the sound.
- Hide objects or toys that start with the same letter as the one you are targeting and go on a 'letter' treasure hunt – see who can get the most toys, or objects, that start with each letter. When they find them get them to yell out the sound!
- If you are reading a book with them, see who can find any words that start with a 'm' or a 'p' the fastest. If they are able to, get them to read the word aloud, or support them in doing this. Practice making the 'm' or 'p' sound.



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