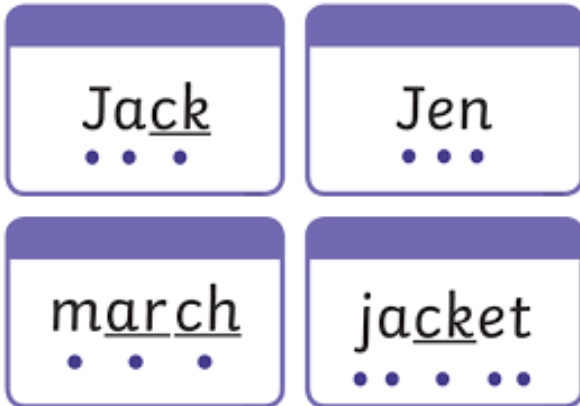


The Balanced Reader

Did you know to be a balanced reader there are three areas that our children need to focus on when they are reading? When our children read they need to be decoding, focusing on fluency and phrasing and understanding the story through comprehension.



What is decoding?



Decoding is the process of seeing written words on a page and being able to say them out loud. When our children can decode they have the ability to apply their knowledge of letter-sound relationships, including knowledge of letter patterns, to correctly pronounce written words.

Understanding these relationships gives children the ability to recognize familiar words quickly and to figure out words they haven't seen before.