

Before reading

Tips for reading with children

Available to download from www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/mylettersandsounds.

Say the sounds

These are the focus sounds that your child will practise in this book. Encourage them to point to each group of letters and say the sound.

ea oy ir

Now practise reading these words containing the focus sounds together.


heap destroy swirl

Some of the words in this book are 'tricky words'. They have a letter or letters that make an unexpected sound. Practise reading these tricky words together.

their your

Talk about the book

Look at and discuss the cover picture and title before asking the following question.


 What different things can you see in the cover picture?


While you are reading, look at pages 2 and 3.


 What do you think gardeners need to help their gardens grow?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 **Compost** is a mixture of leaves, grass and dead plants that is put into the ground to help things grow better.

 **Peelings** are pieces of skin that have been removed from fruits or vegetables.

 If a seed **sprouts**, new leaves, stems or flowers begin to grow from it.