Book 2, My dog Ned

Talk about the story:

Why do we go to a doctor? When animals are ill, we take them to see a vet.

Ben has a big, hairy dog called Ned. One day, Ned starts to limp and he feels very sorry for himself. Ben takes Ned to the vet. The vet rubs ointment on the leg and Ned sniffs it very suspiciously. Suddenly he starts to feel better and gives the vet a big surprise. What do you think that is?

Begin by reading the story words. Can your child 'Fred' in their head … in other words can they sight read the words or silently decode them and then say the word out loud?

vet	leg	bad	rub	bit	sit
this	crash	will	his	lick	wag
jump → jumping		is			
I	of		my	the	said

- Remember, you can't 'Fred' a red! Use the first sound as a clue.
- Underlined sounds show 'special friends' where 2 letters = 1 sound.
- → … shows the root word, then the letters added to the root, to show that the action is happening now.

Now you are ready to read the story.

My dog Ned

This is Ben.

This is Ned.

Ned is Ben's dog.

Ned has a bad leg.

Yap yap

This is the vet.

"My dog has got a bad leg," said Ben.

"Sit, Ned", said the vet.

Ned sat.

"I will rub a bit of this on his leg," said the vet.

Rub rub

Sniff sniff

"Get up Ned", said the vet.

Ned got up.

Crash!

"Sit Ned", said the vet.

"Sit!"

wag wag

lick lick

We encourage the children to read the text at least twice so we know they are familiar with it. Then ask them these comprehension questions.

- Why did Ben take Ned to the vet?
- How would you describe Ned when he had a bad leg?

  Here are some power words to talk about:

  sorry for himself / down in the dumps / fed up / miserable / glum

- What did the vet do to help Ned?

- How does Ned feel after the vet helped him?

  Here are some words to help?

  excited / lively / joyful / bubbly / enthusiastic / grateful

Punctuation to talk about:

Capital letters … for names and 1st sound in each new sentence.

. … Full stop at the end of each sentence

! … Exclamation mark to show surprise or anger.