‘ai’ and ‘ay’ word sort activity

Can the children name the object on the picture and then sound talk it: p l ay

Where does the ai/ay sound come in the word? In the middle or at the end?

If the ai sound comes in the middle of the word then it is likely to be spelt ‘ai’. If it comes at the end it is likely to be spelt ‘ay’.

Sort the words onto the tray or snail.

Can you now have a go at sound talking the word, counting the phonemes (sounds) and writing it down, remembering the spelling rule.

N.B: this is not true for all words but it helps children start to learn spelling rules.
snail
tray