

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have an established reading and writing scheme at school. This is known as Read Write Inc (RWI).

What is RWI phonics?

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a phonics-based programme which helps children learn to read whilst also developing a wide range of vocabulary and encouraging a love of stories. It was developed by Ruth Miskin and more information on this can be found at www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com

Who is Read Write Inc. for?

The Read Write Inc. programme is for primary school children learning to read. Children will begin the programme in Reception and will remain on the programme until they are reading at expected year 2 level. Our aim is for most children to be off the scheme by the end of Year 2, however some children will remain on the scheme in Years 3 and 4

How will it work?

Children will be taught a sound a day and will be assessed regularly by their class teachers. When they have reached an appropriate level, they will start reading and writing alongside learning the new sounds.

The children will be taught as a whole class, and those children who need extra support will receive intervention daily for around 10 minutes, to ensure they are keeping up with their peers.

How and what do the children learn?

READING

The children:

- learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts;
- learn to read words using sound blending;
- read lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out;
- after meaningful discussion led by an adult, children show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions.



WRITING

The children:

- learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds;
- learn to write words by saying the sounds and graphemes;
- learn to build sentences orally using adventurous vocabulary;
- start with simple sentences and develop towards more complex ones by the end of the programme;
- compose a range of texts using discussion prompts.

TALKING

Children are assessed so they work with children at the same level. This allows them to take part fully in all lessons.

They work in pairs so that they:

- answer every question;
- practise every activity with their partner;
- take turns in talking to each other.

Book Bag Stories:

RWI have a set of Book Bag Books which support the child's learning in class. The books are aimed at the level at which the child is reading. The books are easily decodable, which allows the child to read with confidence and fluency, and gain the skills to read with feeling and intonation.

The Book Bag Book will come home for two - three days read repeatedly, this allows the child to fully understand the story and internalise the new sounds they have learnt.

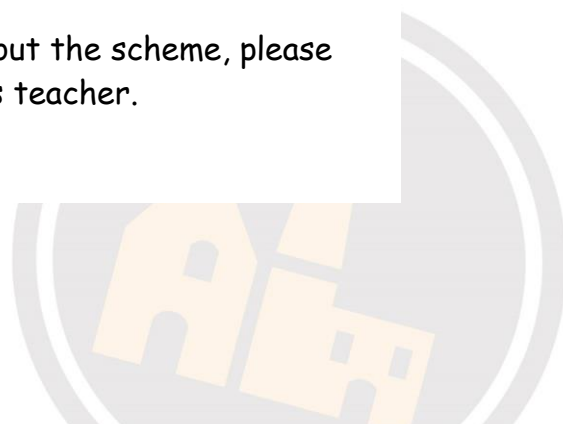
They will also bring home a library book they might not be able to read independently to develop rich vocabulary.

How can I help my child read?

Read as many stories to your child as you can. Traditional tales, stories from other cultures, poetry, their favourite story - talk about the stories with them. Explain the meaning of new words. Most importantly though, show the fun that can be gained by listening to stories. We ask that you read with your child daily, using the Book Bag Books. On the first read let them read to you. On the second read, question them about the story. Talk about the characters, how they feel? what might happen next?

If you have questions, or want to know more about the scheme, please don't hesitate to come and see your child's class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs. Earley
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