

# The Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme

## Reception to Year 2



**We teach phonics through the Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme. Read Write Inc. Phonics teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They learn to form each letter, spell correctly, and compose their ideas step-by-step.**

**Children should finish the RWI phonics programme by Christmas in Year 2. They then move onto the RWI Spelling Programme all the way through to Year 6.**

*In this programme, children learn the English alphabetic code: first they learn one way to read the 40+ sounds and blend these sounds into words, then learn to read the same sounds with alternative **graphemes** (a **grapheme** is a letter or a number of letters that represent a sound (phoneme) in a word).*

*They experience success from the very beginning because lively phonic books are closely matched to their increasing knowledge of phonics and ‘tricky’ words and, as children re-read the stories, their fluency increases.*

*Along with a thought-provoking introduction, prompts for thinking aloud and discussion, children are helped to read with a storyteller’s voice.*

*The children write every day, rehearsing aloud what they want to say, before spelling the words using the graphemes and ‘tricky’ words they know.*

*They practise handwriting every day: sitting at a table comfortably, they learn correct letter formation and how to join letters speedily and legibly.*

*Children’s composition (ideas, vocabulary and grammar) is developed by drawing on their own experiences and talking about the stories they read.*

*(Some information taken from the RWI website, 2019)*

There are a number of videos on the RWI website that show you how the children are taught to read and write using sounds. Also included on this page is a chart showing all the materials we use to teach phonics. These are all available to purchase on the website below if you would like to have them at home.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

### One to One Tutoring

**Some children find the learning of sounds more difficult, so we tutor these children one to one and monitor their progress carefully.**

In short 5 to 10 minute daily sessions, an adult will review the sounds already taught and practise speedy blending and spelling strategies.

### The 'Freshstart' Programme

This programme is aimed at older children between 9 and 13 years old who have some gaps in their phonics knowledge.

Age appropriate texts are used to support reading fluency. Children are selected for this programme using a special assessment and usually stay in the programme for a term.

### Phonics books for home

When a child is learning phonics, we make sure that the reading books they take home connect closely to the phonics knowledge they are being taught. Please see the additional parent leaflet on what books we send home and why we send them.