

PHONICS

At St Paul's CE Primary School, we use Read, Write Inc Phonics in EYFS and KS1 to teach reading.

Read Write Inc. is a literacy programme designed and developed by Ruth Miskin, one of the country's leading authorities on teaching children to read. The programme aims to create fluent readers and confident speakers.

The school follows the advice as laid out in 'The Reading Framework 2022' and aims that, "All children should take part in high-quality phonics sessions."

At the start of the new academic year, each child in Reception and Key Stage 1 will be assessed on their letter recognition and reading. After the assessment, children will be assigned to a group for regular sessions with a trained member of staff using Read Write Inc. scheme.

All classes enjoy five lessons of Read, Write Inc per week. As children progress through the levels, they are regularly assessed to ensure they are placed in groups most appropriate for them.

Five key principles underpin the teaching in all Read Write Inc. sessions:

- 1) Participation – As they are in small groups, children participate fully in every session. They are able to maintain high levels of concentration and they do not miss key elements of the teaching.
- 2) Praise - Children work together as partners. They take turns to teach and praise each other. They are motivated by praise from their teachers and teaching assistants.
- 3) Pace - Sessions are fast paced and lively. This keeps every child fully engaged and on task.
- 4) Purpose - Every instructor has been trained in Read Write Inc. methods. They know the purpose of each activity, and how it leads into the next.
- 5) Passion - Instructors, too, become passionate about their teaching as they see the children enjoying the progress they are making.

Phonics takes place regularly each day during the week in EYFS and Year 1 and is set out clearly in the class timetables.

There is an expectation that children who have passed the Phonic Screener in Year 1 will move onto Grammar and Spelling work in Year 2. The children who still need input will join Year 1 groups.

VIDEOS

The following two videos will give you a great working knowledge of how Read, Write Inc works, and how you can support your child's learning and enjoyment of reading.

VIDEO 1

This will help you understand how to support your child's reading. It will take you through the processes and structures of individual lessons and help you understand some of the jargon

VIDEO 2

We all pronounce things differently but when you are learning to read it is important to get the pronunciation of letters and sounds correct. Here in this short video that goes through the pronunciation of sounds so you can easily support your child.