



Parklands Primary School Phonics Workshop

*Teach a child to read and keep that
child reading and we will change
everything.*

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson



Read Write Inc. Phonics



Who Is Read Write Inc. Phonics for?

- Read Write Inc. Phonics is for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are learning to read.
- Phonics is also for children in KS2 who haven't met the KS1 reading expectations and require additional support.

Each half-term, we assess and group our children based on their stage of reading not age of reading. This means all children practise reading at the right level.



Read Write Inc. Phonics daily lessons



Read Write Inc. teaches sounds. Children practise reading and spelling words containing these sounds. We then give children decodable books containing the sounds and words they can read.

They read each Storybook three times at school.

On each reading, children's fluency increases and the more they can focus on what the story is about.

Children also learn to spell the words they have been reading and develop their ideas into sentences so that they can write about the Storybooks they read.

Alongside this we read stories to children: stories they cannot yet read for themselves

Our aim is for children to finish the RWI Phonics programme quickly so they can start reading these books for themselves.



English alphabetic code

We use 44 sounds to make all the words in the English language. We've got 44 sounds and only 26 letters.

The 26 letters work singly, in pairs and sometimes in threes to represent one sound.

We have to group letters together to write some sounds e.g. 'igh', 'air'.

In English, we have more than 150 ways to represent 44 sounds, using the 26 letters in the alphabet.

This makes our language one of the most complex in the world!



Speed Sounds

- Using RWI, we make learning to read easy for children because we start by teaching them just one way of reading and writing every sound.
- We teach Set 1 sounds first.
- Children need to know sounds – not letter names – to read words.
- Once children know one way of reading and writing every sound, they start to learn spellings for each sound they already know.
- For example, they know ‘or’ and now learn oor and ore as other spellings for the same sound.
- The link below shows you how to pronounce each of the different sounds.

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>



Sounds and Blending



- Alongside teaching children sounds, we teach them to blend sounds to read words e.g. s-a-t, sat.
- We use Fred Talk to help children read.
- Let me introduce you to Fred.
- Fred can only speak in sounds. He says d-o-g, h-a-t etc.
- Speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds.
- Fred helps children practice blending sounds together because he needs the children to say the words for him. Fred says d-o-g, children tell him the word is dog.
- This is how we **quickly** teach **all of our children** to blend.
- We use Fred Fingers to help children sound out words to spell easily.
- It means they do not have to memorise lists of spelling words.
- It is a tool so they will be able to spell any word.



Accuracy, Fluency, Comprehension



- In our school, children read each Read Write Inc. Storybook three times in class with their partner.
- Re-reading the same book helps children to become confident readers. Each time they re-read, they build their fluency/speed and comprehension.
- They love reading and want to read because they can read all of the words in the Storybook.
- We set a focus for each re-read in school.
- The first read focuses on reading every word accurately.
- The second on reading the story more quickly.
- The third read on comprehension - understanding what they read.



What can I do?

Use pure sounds, not letter names

Use Fred Talk to read and spell words

Listen to your child read their Storybook every day

Read stories to your child every day

Online resources:

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>