



# PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## The Read Write Inc. Phonics programme

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will learn at our school. Our vision is for all pupils to become confident, fluent readers who possess a love for reading. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

### How will my child be taught to read?

At Parklands Primary School, we use the Read Write Inc. scheme of work to teach reading. We start by teaching phonics to pupils in Reception. This means that they learn how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. This is essential for reading, but it also helps children learn to spell well. We teach the children simple ways of remembering these sounds and letters.

The children also practise reading (and spelling) what we call 'tricky words', such as 'once,' 'have,' 'said' and 'where'.

The children practise their reading with books that match the phonics and the 'tricky words' they know. They start thinking that they *can* read and this does wonders for their confidence.

The teachers read to pupils so that children are exposed to a variety of stories, poetry and information books. They learn many more words this way and it also helps their writing.

### How will I know how well my child is doing?

We use various ways to find out how the children are progressing in reading. We use the information to decide what reading group they should be in. Your child will work with children who are at the same reading level as him or her.

In the summer term, the government asks us to complete a phonics check for all the Year 1 pupils. That provides us with extra information about their progress.

### What can I do to help?

You will be invited to a meeting so that we can explain how we teach reading. Please come and support your child. We would very much like you to know how to help.

Your child will bring different sorts of books home from school. It helps if you know whether this is a book that your child can read on their own or whether this is a book that you should read *to* them.



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Help your child to sound out the letters in words and then to 'push' the sounds together to make a whole word. Try not to refer to the letters by their names. Help your child to focus on the sounds. You can hear how to say the sounds correctly at this link: <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/#lg=1&slide=2>

Sometimes your child might bring home a picture book that they know well. Encourage your child to tell you the story out loud; ask them questions about things that happen or what they think about some of the characters in the story.

We know that parents and carers are very busy, but if you are able find time to read to your child as much as possible, it helps him or her to learn about books and stories. They also learn new words and what they mean. Show that you are interested in reading yourself and talk about reading as a family.

We will be arranging workshops for parents this term to explain strategies that can be used to support your child with reading.

In the mean time, if you have any questions regarding the Read Write Inc. scheme of work and your child's reading, please contact their class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs K Leach & Mrs E Gilley**