

Read Write Inc.

Phonics

Information for
Parents
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What is the purpose of this document?

- To inform parents of how reading is taught at Winterton Church of England Infants' School.
- To provide parents with clear information on the Read Write Inc programme.
- To share information about how parents can support their child's learning at home.

What is Read Write Inc?

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 for reading. It was developed by Ruth Miskin who is a leading consultant on early reading. More information can be found at

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

Who is Read Write Inc for?

Read Write Inc is for children learning to read and write. At Winterton Church of England Infants' School, children will begin the programme in Nursery and will remain on the programme throughout KS1. Children will continue on the programme until they are at the expected reading level for year 2. The majority of children will finish the scheme during Year 2, however some children will remain on the scheme into KS2 and receive phonics interventions.

How does it work?

Nursery and Reception

In the summer term of Nursery, children will begin to learn Set 1 sounds. This will continue into Reception, where children are initially taught Set 1 sounds in their own class before being assessed and grouped. Children will then be assessed every half term and move groups to meet their phonics level.

Year 1 and 2

All children are assessed half-termly and are grouped according to their phonics level. Phonics teaching is closely matched to the children's next steps in learning and there will be a mixture of ages in each group. A teacher or teaching assistant will lead a group daily.

What does the RWI teaching process look like?

Set 1 sounds

First, the children are taught the pure 'Set 1' sounds so that they will be able to segment and blend the sounds in words. The sounds are pure, they do not have 'uh' on the end, e.g. mmmmm not muh, ssssss not suh.

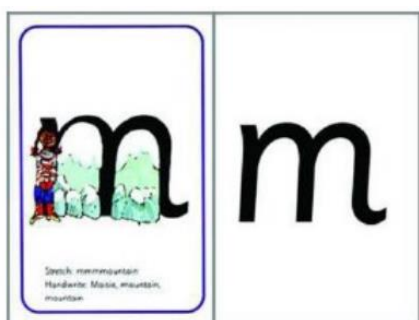
These are the Set 1 Speed Sounds written with one letter:

m a s d t i n p g o c k u b f e l h r j v y w z x

These are the sounds written with two letters (your child will call these 'special friends'):

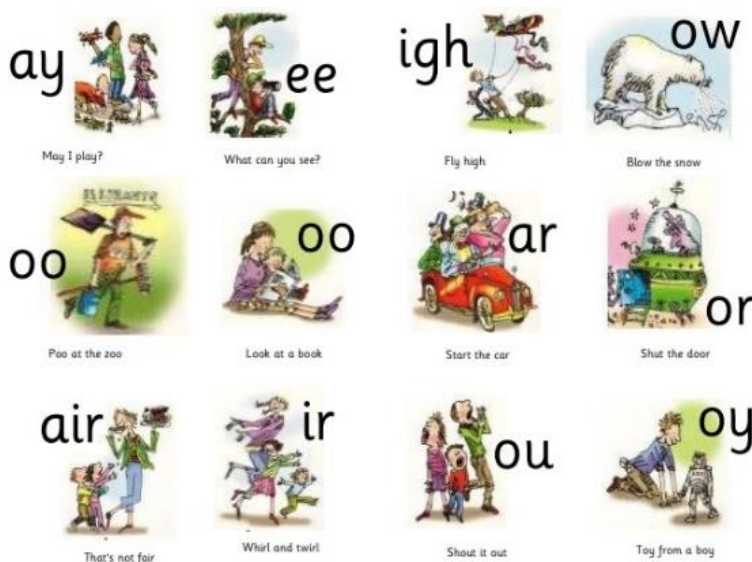
sh th ch qu ng nk ck

Children are not only taught the letter but also how to form the letter, using a rhyme and a picture prompt. We then move on to sounding out words "Fred Talk" using the sounds the children have been taught - Fred (the frog) can only talk in sounds e.g., m, a, t.



Set 2 Sounds

Once the children know all their Set 1 sounds and are able to read words using 'Fred Talk', they will move onto learning Set 2 sounds. They will learn more 'special friends', 2 letters-1 sound. Each Set 2 sound has a rhyme to accompany it e.g. ay, May I play?



Set 3 Sounds



The children will then move onto looking at Set 3 sounds. The Set 3 sounds include sounds that they have already learnt but use different letters to represent these. For example, **play**, **snail**, **cake** all have the same vowel sound but they are written differently in each word.

Red Words

These are words that cannot be sounded out. Children simply have to learn to recognise, read and spell these words.

Red Words Set 1				
I	the	my	you	said
your	are	be	of	no

Red Words Set 2				
what	all	was	we	so
to	me	call	her	there
want	go	old	some	he

Parent Information Videos

There is a variety of information videos on the Read Write Inc website that are available for you to watch should you have any questions about how we teach phonics and guidance on how you can support your child's learning.

Please see the link below:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

Reading at Home

Your child will bring home a wordless book when they join Reception. As they learn sounds and begin to blend, they will bring home a blending book with one word per page. As they grow in confidence, children will be sent home with short stories on a sheet - we call these 'Ditties'.

Once your child is in a colour group, they will receive two phonics books a week. One is a copy of the book they have read every day in school. The second is a book that links closely to this.

All children will receive a shared reading book for home too. This book is not matched to their phonics level, but rather a book of their choice to enjoy together.

Our school library is also open to the children and they may wish to borrow a book from here too.

If you have any questions about phonics at Winterton Church of England Infants' School, please do not hesitate to ask a member a staff who will be able to help you!



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