

Grantham nursery teacher brings stories to life after *Read Write Inc.* Phonics training

The West Grantham Academy St John's Grantham, Lincolnshire

How would you describe the training you received?

Truly inspirational! The trainer delivered a day full of practical and hands on techniques to take directly back into the classroom.

What impact has the training had on your school?

We have created a cosy reading area and a real love of stories has been nurtured and developed. Today I encouraged children to 'jump in' with the repeated refrain in *Room on the Broom*. When we went outside I turned into the mud monster. We used hand signals, celebrations and said sentences together using 'my turn, your turn'. The children loved it and so did I! I am excited that the training has already had an impact and can't wait to see how it develops.

Have you had positive reactions from parents and pupils?

The children are excited that learning the sounds will help them to read. Their enthusiasm and motivation in *Read Write Inc.* sessions is truly inspirational and as a teacher fills me with joy! They have never been so enthusiastic about writing and they love the rhymes. Parents tell me that children are going home saying they are 'amazing' writers and sharing our celebrations!

LA: **Grantham**

Age Group: **3 - 11**

Pupils on roll: **355**

Free school meals: **58.3% (2014)**

Ofsted rating: **Good**

