

Palmerston Primary School, Glamorgan: A Read Write Inc. Model School

Palmerston Primary School is a Read Write Inc. Model School in the Vale of Glamorgan. They received Double Excellent in their 2016 Estyn report.

"Standards of reading are consistently good across the school. Younger pupils read very well for their age...and make good use of their knowledge of phonics to read unfamiliar words... Standards of writing are very good. By the end of the Foundation Phase, many pupils write in full sentences using accurate punctuation. They make very good use of the skills learned in their reading lessons to spell complex words," (Estyn, p.5).

We spoke to Katy Edwards, Reading Leader at Palmerston. She said: "We were looking to ensure progression and consistency in literacy teaching across the school. Even though our teachers were confident and experienced, we wanted a programme that would tap in to the potential of every member of staff including our Learning Support Assistants.

"We live and breathe our mission statement – together we will succeed."

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Training and ongoing Professional Development

We received high quality training that balanced theoretical and practical advice throughout. Sessions were interactive and there were plenty of opportunities to practise new skills.

Regular Development Days from our consultant trainer keep the momentum of self-evaluation and school improvement going - they provide support for all staff. Book scrutiny, lesson observations and practice sessions allow opportunities for sharing good practice and keeping all staff up to date with current excellent practice. They work well alongside



School Name: **Palmerston Primary School**

Town: **Barry**

Number of pupils: **217**

Age range: **3-11**

Estyn Rating: **Double Excellent**

Free School Meals: **18%**

Additional Learning Needs: **20%**

Additional facilities: **Resource base for pupils with complex physical and medical disabilities. These pupils are fully integrated with mainstream pupils.**

*"The school is an outstandingly supportive and vibrant community."
(Estyn, p.9)*