

## Case Study

# Hackney Read Write Inc. school federation - consistently high results

**New Wave Federation (Grazebrook Primary School, Shacklewell Primary School & Woodberry Down Community Primary School)**

**Hackney, London**

**What made you choose *Read Write Inc.* Phonics and how would you describe the training you received?**

We chose *Read Write Inc.* for its highly successful, systematic approach to teaching children the most important life skill - reading. We were excited by the teaching philosophy, which now forms the bedrock of our schools. The training is outstanding, tailored to the needs of our school and led by passionate educators. All staff leave the sessions inspired to do even better. Our consultant trainer is an inspiration, coaching our staff to a high standard and recognising any tweaks needed to ensure our children become able and fluent readers.

**How has the role of the reading leader had an impact on teaching and pupil progress?**

The Reading Leaders have had a positive impact on both the teaching of *Read Write Inc.* and children's progress. They assess and regroup pupils every half term, identifying hotlist children that need one-to-one tutoring and ensuring they are on track to meet expectations. They attend regular Development Days across all three schools, coming together to share good practice and ensuring that *Read Write Inc.* is being taught with fidelity across the Federation. They also run weekly twilight coaching sessions to continue developing outstanding practice.



**LA: Hackney**

**Age Group: Primary**

**EAL pupils: 58% (Woodberry Down), 36% (Grazebrook), 60% (Shacklewell)**

**Ofsted rating: Outstanding (Woodberry Down), Outstanding (Grazebrook), Good (Shacklewell)**

**How has one-to-one tutoring had an impact on your PSC results?**

One-to-one tutoring has had a very positive impact on the phonics screening check results.

School	2015	2016	2017
<b>Grazebrook Primary School</b>	93%	93%	93%
<b>Shacklewell Primary School</b>	81%	90%	93%
<b>Woodberry Down Community Primary School</b>	83%	89%	91%

*Phonics screening check national pass rate was 81% (2017)*

**What would you say to other schools considering adopting *Read Write Inc.* Phonics?**

I would whole-heartedly recommend the programme, not only for its systematic approach to the teaching of early reading, but also the philosophy which underpins it. We embrace the use of nonverbal cues across all subjects and year groups. It is a way of life in our schools!