

“*Read Write Inc. Phonics* promotes a love of reading for all children, parents, and families.”

We spoke to **Corrina Woodmansey**, Reading Leader at **Hilderthorpe Primary School**.

“We teach 419 pupils in the small seaside town of Bridlington in the East Riding of Yorkshire. There is a lot of mobility in the area – families often come here when they're priced out of places like Leeds. Recently, refugee families joined our community bringing a new challenge – teaching phonics to children with English as an Additional Language. *Read Write Inc. Phonics* has enabled them to learn English and make great progress.

“We have regular training and support from Ruth Miskin Training and make sure we always have the latest resources. Our Headteacher brought *Read Write Inc. Phonics* to the school in 2013 and the inspirational training converted us. When we first took on the programme, it was very easy to follow. The support staff were worried about their teaching responsibilities, but the training inspired them and gave them the confidence to teach the programme.

“Having the same Ruth Miskin Training Consultant Trainer throughout the process has been beneficial. We always have an outside expert we can rely on to support us and develop our knowledge.

“For children struggling to keep up, we have a highly skilled intervention team to support their learning. We have regular monitoring so we can address any teaching gaps as they appear. One-to-one tutoring for our most vulnerable children has made a big difference. Often these children have frequently moved settings, and once they get the support they need, they make rapid progress. For schools thinking of implementing *Read Write Inc. Phonics*, we explain how, with training, all staff can become skilled reading teachers and how dedicated teams close gaps.

“The programme promotes a love of reading for all children, parents, and families. We engage with parents by holding a weekly Parent Club from January until the Phonics Screening Check to encourage parents to support at home. At school, we make sure every room and every corridor has

School Name: **Hilderthorpe Primary**

School Location: **Bridlington**

Pupils on roll: **419**

Pupil Premium: **58%**

SEN: **17%**

a reading area. A crucial underpinning of the programme's success is encouraging a love of reading.

“If we are asked 'what has been the key to your success?', we say the team ethos. Practice Sessions and one-to-one coaching has enable our team to move forward and really allow this programme to work. We just love it and the rewards it brings.

“As a Model School, we see ourselves as a support for schools in the area with similar challenges. Our door is always open if you want to book a visit!”

Hilderthorpe Primary School Timeline:

2011 – School goes into 'Special Measures'

2013 – Ofsted inspection 'Requires Improvement'

2013 – We take on *Read Write Inc. Phonics*

2016 – Ofsted rate us 'Good' and we receive a badge

2017 – We become a *Read Write Inc. Model School*

