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Gnosall St Lawrence CE Primary Academy, Stafford



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Excellent reading results

Teaching Read Write Inc. Phonics (RWI) has helped us to achieve excellent results. Ofsted noted that the teaching of early reading is a strength of the school, and that we have: 'invested in effective training for staff and new resources, so that the standards in the Year 1 PSC are above those of children nationally'.

Quality training, quality teaching

The Ruth Miskin Training (RMT) training has improved the quality of our teaching hugely and made it consistent. The online subscription empowers me as reading leader to provide powerful weekly practice for all staff and train new staff quickly.



Full participation in lessons

RMT's behaviour signals are used throughout school. We encourage full participation from all children. There are no 'hands up' in lessons and children turn and talk to their partner for every question.

School information

Kirsten Sweet, Headteacher

Pupils on roll 267 % children on FSM 11% Ofsted date May 2018 Ofsted rating Good PSC results 2019 - 94%, 2022 - 97% Trust name St Bartholomew's CE MAT First trained by RMT 2013

Daily one-to-one tutoring ensures success

We use the data analysis every half term to ensure that all children make good progress from their starting points. We hold half-termly pupil progress meetings with all staff to discuss children not on track and plan how to accelerate their progress. Identified children receive one-to-one tutoring. Teaching assistants work with targeted children daily to review phonics lessons and pre-teach where appropriate.

High-quality resources for school and home

The RWI resources fully support the programme. Teaching staff have everything they need to deliver high-quality, consistent, phonics, reading and writing lessons. Our children love RWI. Parents like that it is clear and that the book bag books give them prompts for how to help at home. It's an excellent systematic, synthetic phonics programme that helps all children learn to read and write rapidly. If you haven't got it, get it!





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