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"Visitors to Read Write Inc. lessons remark on the joy, engagement and progress our children are making."

Comprehensive programme, remarkable progress

Read Write Inc. Phonics (RWI) gives us the most comprehensive whole-school approach to teaching phonics and early reading. The programme, including the learning strategies, is now at the heart of how we teach every child to read. Our children love it and make remarkable progress.



School information

Debs Stewart, Assistant Headteacher

Pupils on roll 610 % children on FSM 8% % children with EAL 19% Ofsted date March 2018 Ofsted rating Good PSC results 2019 - 92%, 2022 - 94% First trained by RMT January 2022

Supportive training, high-quality teaching

The training and ongoing support we receive from Ruth Miskin Training (RMT) has a significant impact on the quality of teaching in our school. It has created a consistent, united approach to the teaching of early reading and phonics. We apply RWI teaching strategies across the entire curriculum and see children apply their phonic knowledge and skills in other lessons.

EAL children make huge strides

Even after two years of disrupted teaching, our results have improved and we are delighted with the outcomes. The programme helps children with English as an additional language make significant progress quickly. For example, a child recently new to English scored 1/40 in a mock phonics screening check (PSC) in December 2021. He could recognise sounds but was unable to blend. By Easter 2022 he scored 18/40, and in June passed his PSC with 39/40. He can now read words at a glance; the whole team are proud of him.

Data analysis identifies children for tutoring

Half-termly data analysis helps ensure precision teaching and a clear focus on gaps in children's learning and next steps. We hold progress meetings and identify children not yet making significant progress using the RMT tracking system. Identified children receive daily one-to-one tutoring from our expert teaching assistants and nearly all children pass the PSC.



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Valuable resources for teachers, parents and carers

The RMT online subscription provides us with a huge bank of valuable films. It's easy to access; all the professional development and training we need is at our finger tips. We use and love all the teacher resources and the online storybooks.

Parents were apprehensive at first about the online storybooks as the programme was new and using books seemed easier. However, now they fully understand the programme, they love it. The comprehension questions in particular have helped deepen their own understanding of how to support their child at home.





