



# Read! Write!

at

Arnold Mill Primary School

*"Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything. And I mean everything." Jeanette Winterson*

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

– Roald Dahl



## **Reading at Arnold Mill.**

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.

We want your child to love reading - and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

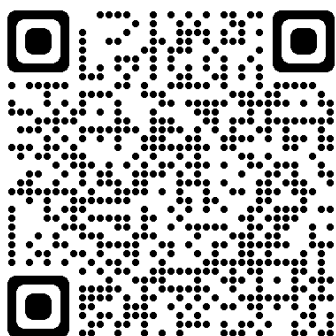
## **What is Read! Write!?**

*Read Write Inc.* Phonics is a programme that uses systematic phonics to teach all children to read. We begin the reading journey in foundation when we teach children to hear, say and read sounds. We then teach the children to blend sounds together to read words. This skill is the most important skill needed to get a child reading.

## **How you can help at home:**

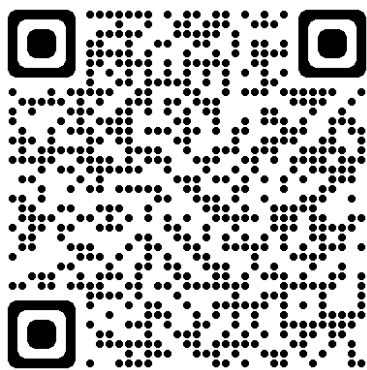
- Your child will bring different books home. The Read Write books are books that they have been learning in school and so they will be able to read to you using storyteller voices. Other reading books can be read together and shared. It is important to make reading a pleasurable and special time.
- Look on the website to make sure you are using pure sounds with your child
- Knowing how to help your child blend to read using Fred talk
- Use Fred talk throughout the day e.g. s-k-i-p and get your h-a-t

- Using lots of different and new words at home and praising them when they do the same
- Reading lots of lovely new stories and the old favourites to your child, asking lots of questions and exploring the illustrations.
- You will find lots of information on the Read! Write! page of the school website along with tonight's presentation.

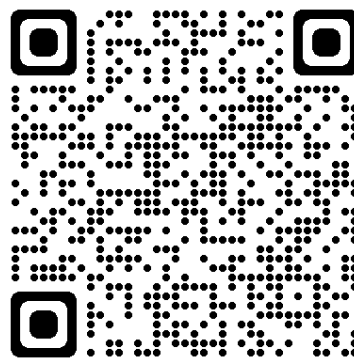


### Useful websites

Ruth Miskin parent's page



Oxford owl free eBooks



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## Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat.  
Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:  
*Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.*
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:  
*Oh I think what's happening here is that...*
- 5 Chat about the story:  
*I wonder why he did that?*  
*Oh no, I hope she's not going to...*  
*I wouldn't have done that, would you?*
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again.  
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment.  
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

