

Early Reading and Phonics

At Badsley Primary School, we use a DfE validated systematic synthetic phonics programme called Read Write Inc (RWI).

What is Read Write Inc?

Read Write Inc. is a whole school approach to teaching early reading to ensure progress for every child whatever their needs and whatever their background. It teaches children to read sounds and blend them into words.

Children apply this phonic knowledge to read and understand fully decodable books that are carefully matched to the sounds they know.

While your children are learning to read, they work in progress groups to master each level of phonics and reading. They are assessed and re-grouped every half-term, ensuring they are working at the correct level.

The overarching objectives of the RWI programme are to teach pupils to:

- apply the skill of blending phonemes in order to read words.
- segment words into their constituent phonemes in order to spell words.
- learn that blending and segmenting words are reversible processes.
- read high frequency words that do not conform to regular phonic patterns.
- read texts and words that are within their phonic capabilities as early as possible.
- decode texts effortlessly so that their focus can be used on reading to learn (comprehension)
- spell effortlessly so that their focus can be directed towards the composition of their writing

In addition to RWI, we value exploring rich texts through daily story time, text-based writing sessions and by borrowing storybooks to be enjoyed at home with parents.

Expectations of progress

All children should achieve these expectations, if they have followed the programme from Reception.

	YR children can:	Y1 children can:	Y2 children can:
End of Autumn 1	Read single-letter Set 1 sounds (first 16)	Read Purple Storybooks Read Set 2 sounds	Read Blue Storybooks with increasing fluency and comprehension
End of Autumn term	Read all Set 1 single-letter sounds Blend sounds into words orally	Read Pink Storybooks Read first 5 Set 3 sounds	Read Grey Storybooks
End of Spring 1	Blend sounds to read words Read short Ditty stories	Read Orange Storybooks Read 11 Set 3 sounds	Read Grey Storybooks with fluency and comprehension
End of Spring term	Read Red Storybooks Read Set 1 Special Friends	Read Yellow Storybooks Read 17 Set 3 sounds	Access RWI Comprehension and Spelling programmes
End of Summer 1	Read Green Storybooks Read 4 double consonants	Read Yellow Storybooks Read 22 Set 3 sounds	Access RWI Comprehension and Spelling programmes
End of Summer term	Read Green Storybooks Read first 6 Set 2 sounds	Read Blue Storybooks Read all Set 3 sounds and additional graphemes.	Access RWI Comprehension and Spelling programmes

Frequently Asked Questions

Where else can I find information?

Watch video tutorials on <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/> to help you to understand more about Read Write Inc. Phonics and how to help your child read and write at home.

Other useful websites:

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/ruthmiskintrainingedu?mc_cid=63bfb74b56&mc_eid=4ec2ad9cea

How can I support my child's reading and writing?

Here are the top five things you can do.

See the other FAQs for further detail.

1. Ask your child to read the Speed Sound cards speedily.
2. Use Fred Talk to help your child read and spell words.
3. Listen to your child read their *Read Write Inc.* Book Bag Book every day.
4. Practise speedy reading of Green and Red Words in the Book Bag Book.
5. Read stories to your child every day.

What will my child bring home to read?

- Book Bag Books: matched to the Storybooks children read in school and used for extra practice. They include many of the same reading activities that we use in class and include parent guidance.
- Picture books to share with you: read these stories to children or encourage them to retell the story by looking at the pictures. They are not expected to read the story themselves.
- Speed Sounds cards: for children to practise reading speedily. If needed, show your child the picture side of the card to help them remember the sound.
- Red Word book pages: challenge your child to read the Red Words speedily across the rows and down the columns. Set a timer – can they beat yesterday's time?
- Speed sound practise sheet– These are sheets with new letters or digraphs, words and captions for children to read. This is to help them practise what they have learnt in class with their reading teacher. Please practise these with your child as often as possible.

What do I do with the picture books?

One of the most important things you can do as a parent at home is read *to* your child. Loving stories is important because children who love stories want to read stories for themselves. Children who read a lot become better readers.

Here are some top tips for storytime:

1. make it a treat – introduce each new book with excitement
2. make it a special quiet time – cuddle up!
3. show curiosity in what you're going to read
4. read the story once without stopping so they can enjoy the whole story. If you think your child might not understand something, say something like 'Oh I think what's happening here is that...'
5. chat about the story e.g. I wonder why he did that? Oh no, I hope she's not going to...
6. avoid asking questions to check what they remember
7. link to other stories and experiences you have shared e.g. this reminds me of...
8. read favourite stories over and over again – encourage your child to join with the bits they know. Avoid saying 'not that story again!'
9. use different voices – be enthusiastic!
10. love the book – read with enjoyment.

How can I help my child to practise their handwriting?

Remind your child:

- to hold their pencil in 'perfect pencil grip' (see glossary)
- say the handwriting phrase to help them form the letter correctly – see Handwriting Phrases on <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>.
- Challenge your child to see how many sounds they can write in a minute.
- Say the sound and children write e.g. 'write m', 'write s', 'write w'.

How can I help my child to spell words?

- Encourage your child to use Fred Fingers to spell words.
- Ask your child to say the sounds in the word as they press the sounds onto their fingers.
- Ask your child to then write the letters – if they get stuck, say the sounds again.
- Praise your child for spelling using the sounds they know, even if their handwriting is not perfect.

How else can I develop my child's language?

Children will have a large vocabulary if they are part of a 'talk-a-lot' family:

- use every opportunity to talk with your child throughout the day – meal times, playing together, bath time
- use new and ambitious vocabulary e.g. miserable instead of sad, stroll instead of walk
- speak to your child in complete sentences
- make up stories together - there's no need to write it down.