

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a core curriculum subject, English is a priority in our academy. This encourages pupils to become resilient readers and confident communicators. Reading is prioritised to enable all children to access the curriculum. Our consistent and rigorous approach to teaching early reading enables children to master the key skills that research suggests is important early on. To do this, we follow the Read Write Inc. programme; this sets out a sequence of lessons that teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They also learn to form each letter, spell correctly and compose their ideas step-by-step.

Reading

Your child will:

- Learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple prompts.
- Learn to read words using sound blending (Fred talk) e.g. c-a-t = cat, sh-o-p = shop.
- Read 'red words' these are words that have less common spelling patterns.
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learnt to sound out.
- Show that they comprehend the stories by answering 'Find It' and 'Prove It'.

Home Reading

Once at an appropriate stage in their reading journey, your child will be given the storybook that they have read in class so that they can practise re-reading it at home- this is done to help them build their confidence and fluency. They may also be given a 'book bag book' which will be an exciting text that they will be able to read themselves; this is because they will have learnt all the letters and 'red words' already in class, but you can offer some help if they need it. It is really important you listen to your child read at least three times a week. Finally, your child will be given a library book; this book is for you to read to your child and crucial at helping them expand their vocabulary and develop a love for reading.

Please see the information over the page from the Ruth Miskin Read Write Inc website for further information. We would also like to invite you to attend an informal information session at school on Wednesday 20th September where we will be able to answer questions you may have. Please complete the [google form here](#) if you are able to attend.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs E Abbott

Principal

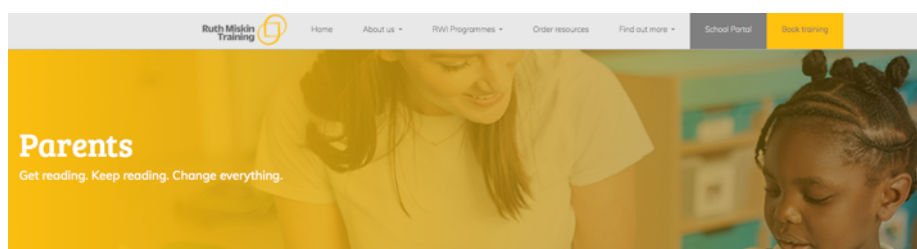


Listening to your child read

What can you do to help at home?

1. Listen to your child read the same *Read Write Inc.* Storybook again and again.
2. Encourage them to use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk', 'read the word'.
3. Discuss the story and encourage their storyteller voice.

There are free video tutorials on our website – www.ruthmiskin.com
Select 'Find out more' at the top, then 'Parents' from the drop-down list:



***Read Write Inc. Phonics* – information for parents**

Our films show how we teach children to read and write with *Read Write Inc. Phonics*.
If your child is in a *Read Write Inc.* school or if you have bought a parent pack, the films will help you and your child practise together at home.
If you have a question for us, please get in touch via our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



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