

Read Write Inc programme

At Provost Williams, we use *Read Write Inc. Phonics* for our children in Nursery to Year 2 and for our children in Years 3 and 4 who need to catch up.

Read Write Inc. Phonics is used by over a quarter of the UK's primary schools. It is a comprehensive literacy programme, weaving decoding, comprehension, writing and spelling together seamlessly. Ruth Miskin developed the programme during her time as a headteacher in Tower Hamlets. She believes that in order for a school to be successful, every headteacher needs to adopt a consistent whole-school approach to teaching reading, writing and spelling. Fidelity to the teaching programme, rigorous assessment, tracking and one-to-one tutoring ensure that schools guarantee progress for every child.

The children start the RWI programme in the Early Years Unit and begin by learning speed sounds set one. Once children are confident with set one, they progress onto sets two and three. As part of their learning they practise reading and spelling green words (which are words that are decodable using the sounds they have been taught). They also learn red words (which are words that aren't easily phonically decodable). Children will work through the RWI programme at different rates but they will generally be working on the RWI programme in the Early Years Unit and Key Stage One.

Reading opens the door to learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read more challenging material. A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns, the more he or she will want to find out.

Using RWI, the children learn to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into comprehending what they read. It also allows them to spell effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into composing what they write.

When using RWI to read the children will:

- learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple picture prompts
- learn to read words using Fred Talk
- read lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out
- show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions.

When using RWI to write the children will:

- learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent 44 sounds.
- learn to write words by saying the sounds in Fred Talk
- write simple sentences
- compose stories based on picture strips
- compose a range of stories based on writing frames.

For information and tutorials on how to support your child learning to read go to: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/> or <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>