



Literacy and Reading in the EYFS and KS1.

Read Write Inc.

Children begin their reading journey in the EYFS stage using the 'Read Write Inc. Phonics' programme, which focuses on the lively and vigorous teaching of synthetic phonics. Children learn the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to decode and encode words.

Crucially, at each stage, they read lively storybooks and Non-fiction books with words they can decode, so they achieve early success in reading. As children are taught to decode and encode, they are also taught to comprehend and to compose out loud. During this period children are taught in ability groups, which are reassessed and wherever necessary, regrouped every 6 weeks.

The children progress through the scheme predominantly in the EYFS and in Year 1 this comprises the main Literacy lessons for Foundation and Year 1 children. Literacy skills will also be taught in a cross curricular manner in other topics. Currently Read Write Inc. also involves a large number of Year 2 and Year 3 children. Next year the expectation is that as Read Write Inc. is taught the children on the Read Write Inc. programme will be predominantly in EYFS and Year 1.

When children have completed the 'Read Write Inc. Phonics' programme, (at the end of Year 2/ beginning of Year 3), teachers then put all their energy into encouraging children to read widely and often, as well as literature which will enhance their vocabulary growth.