

Dear Year 1 and 2 Parents and Carers,

Re: Read Write Inc phonics

We are writing to inform you of our new approach to teaching phonics and reading this year.

As a school we fully appreciate the importance of all children learning to read fluently by the time they leave the Infant school. To support all our children further we have decided to introduce a new approach to teaching phonics and reading called **Read Write Inc.**

Children will be taught daily phonics at their reading stage, rather than age. This means children will be in different groups for the teaching of phonics and reading.

More information on this can be found by following the link below.

What is Read Write Inc. Phonics

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1Zi5e5k3/mFbmVP12>

We are currently in the process of assessing each child's reading level against our new scheme. When this has been completed they will put into their new groups and they will begin to bring home a weekly reading book at an appropriate level. This will be a book based on the sounds they are learning, that they will have read in lessons, and can read to you at home to gain even more confidence.

Children will also be given a login to our new online reading portal; **Oxford Owl** where they will be able to access a range of reading books set at their level.

You can follow the links below to find out more about why reading with your child is so important.

Why read to your child

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ikrM1K25/7RgGzvx3>

10 things to think about when reading to your child

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/jPoFDwWc/C4kxybcE>

There will be a phonics information session for parents on October 6th at 9.00am, repeated at 6.00pm for those unable to attend the mornings session, in the school hall where you can find out more about our new approach and how you can support your child.

Attached, is a useful document of questions and answers for parents about our new scheme.

Thank you for your continued support

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