

Read Write Inc - Phonics

"Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything. And I mean everything."
Jeanette Winterson

This is what we do at South Borough by following a programme called Read Write Inc, which is a proven synthetic phonics programme which promotes early success in reading, writing and spelling. Research shows that children who learn to read quickly go on to succeed in school and in life.

Pure Sounds

We teach using pure sounds.

We pronounce the sounds clearly, using pure sounds ('m' not 'muh', 's' not 'suh', etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds together to make words more easily.

This video shows parents how to say the sounds: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg70>

Sounds + Blending = Reading

Alongside teaching children sounds, we teach them to blend sounds to read words e.g. s-a-t, sat.

We use Fred Talk to help children read.

Here is our phonics mascot Fred - the children will meet Fred properly in September. Fred can only speak in sounds. He says d-o-g, h-a-t etc. Speaking like Fred helps children to understand that words are made up of sounds. Fred helps children practise blending sounds together because he needs the children to say the words for him. Fred says d-o-g, children tell him the word is dog.



What can I do at home to help?

1. Practise reading the sounds with your child.
2. Use pure sounds, not letter names
3. Use Fred Talk to read and spell words
4. Listen to your child read their Storybook every day
5. Read stories to your child every day

Useful Parent Videos

Here are some links to useful videos for parents which will explain certain aspects of the Read Write Inc programme.

What is Read Write Inc - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

Understanding Phonics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX0JUPNVnLc>

Reading with your child - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHMI70ZmxIQ>

Reading the stretchy sounds with your child - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsrMZZ6lbCI>

Reading the bouncy sounds with your child - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui5UXEFD6UQ>

