



At Great Rollright, we use the Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme to get children off to a flying start with their literacy.

Read Write Inc. Phonics is a method of teaching reading and writing, which is centred around learning the sounds of the letters (phonics) and then blending them together to read words. The children also learn to break down words into individual sounds to write them.

When using RWI to read the children will:

- Learn to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into understanding what they read.
- Learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple picture prompts.
- Learn to read words using Fred Talk.
- Learn to read words by blending the sounds together.
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learnt to sound out.
- Show that they understand the stories by answering 'Find It' and 'Prove it' discussion questions.

When using RWI to write the children will:

- Spell effortlessly so that they can put their energy into working out what they want to write.
- Learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds (graphemes).
- Learn to write words by saying the sounds in Fred Talk.
- Learn to write simple and then increasingly complex sentences.
- Compose a range of texts using discussion prompts.
- Compose stories based on picture strips.
- Write simple sentences.



Blending

Children learn to read words by blending the letter sounds that are in the Speed Sound sets. You can help your child learn to read words by:

- Sound-blending e.g. c-a-t = cat. Saying the pure sounds, as quickly as they can and then to blend the sounds together to say the whole word.

I often get asked - How will I know how to pronounce the phonic sounds?

The Oxford Owl website has lots of videos to help you support your child with learning to read and write, including how to pronounce the pure sounds. It is important to note that we do not teach the letter names at this early stage just the sounds.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

I have also included a link below for you to see how a daily set one Read, Write Inc session is taught.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6ltPCRM93E>

To support the children with their writing we use mnemonics to help them remember the correct letter formation. The order of taught sounds and the mnemonics are in the set one sounds booklet that has been sent home.