

Phonics in Key Stage 1 at Sherford Vale School.

We follow the Read Write Inc. scheme for our Key Stage 1 Phonics teaching. Read Write Inc. is a method of learning centred around letter, sounds and phonics. We use it to aid children in their reading and writing.

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 Read Write Inc., 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 Read Write Inc. to read the children will:

- Work in small ability groups with children who are at the same reading level as themselves.
- 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 learnt to sound out.
- Show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions.

When using Read Write Inc. to write children will:

- Learn to write letters/letter groups which represent 44 sounds.
- Learn to write words by saying the sounds in Fred Talk.

Below is a link to a video clip which shows the programme in action and explains everything, especially the pure letter sounds that your children are learning. There is also a link to The Oxford University Press website that has some useful tools for parents/carers.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J2Ddf_0Om8

<https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/teaching-support/pages/rwi/?region=uk>

Useful phonics websites

Here are a few websites that you might like to explore with your child:

[Alphablocks](#) - lots of videos and games to help with recognising letters and reading. We watch Alphablocks in school so your child might recognise some of these already!

[Phoneme pop!](#) - the sounds/letters drift by on bubbles and your child has to pop the matching sound!

[Letters and sounds initial sound game](#) - this game lets your child reveal a sound/letter and then try to find the picture that starts with the same sound.

[BBC bitesize](#) - this game allows your child to listen to the sounds in a word and to pick the correct letter. Then they can see what word they have made with all of the sounds together.

[Phonics play](#) - there are several free games to play that will help your child with their blending and segmenting.