

Read Write Inc. at Alec Reed Academy

What we do in our school

Reading changes everything!

Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything.

And I mean everything.

Jeanette Winterson



Read Write Inc. Phonics

Reception – Year 2

- Phonics is for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 who are learning to read.
- Each half-term, we assess and group our children based on their *stage* of reading not age of reading. This means all children practise reading at the right level.
- They are then taught by our fantastic RWI teachers daily.

Year 3 – 4

- Phonics is also taught to older children who need to 'catch up'.
- They are also assessed as above.



Read Write Inc. Phonics

- We teach sounds, children practice reading and spelling words containing these sounds, then we give children decodable books containing sounds and words they can read.
- They read each Storybook three times at school and again with you at home.
- On each reading, children's fluency increases and the more they can focus on what the story is about.
- Children also learn to spell the words they have been reading and develop their ideas into sentences so that they can write about the Storybooks they read.
- Alongside this we read stories **to** children: stories they cannot yet read for themselves
- Our aim is for children to finish the RWI Phonics programme quickly so they can start reading these books for themselves.





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Fresh Start

Year 5 and 6

- Fresh Start is for children in Y₅ and Y₆ who are still learning to read.
- Fresh Start is structured in the same way as the Phonics programme and children are assessed in the same way, but uses ageappropriate texts.



<u>One – to – one tutoring</u>

- Our aim is to 'to keep up, not catch up!'
- We want to make sure every child learns to read in our school.
- Some children need extra practice when learning to read so we teach these children one-to-one for ten minutes every day – on top of their group lesson.
- We make sure they 'keep up' from the beginning and don't need 'catch up' later on.



Reading at home

- In your child's book bag, they will bring home:
- the Storybook they have read in class to practice reading what they can already read.
- *if applicable a* 'Last and past' Storybook a previously read RWI Storybooks for extra practice. The children enjoy re-reading stories they know well. Their fluency improves on every reading.
- the Rising Stars Reading Planet book which is closely matched to their reading stage from their phonics groups and is also available online with quizzes.
- In some cases, a picture book to share with you which has already been read to them so they care
 about it. You can read the story to them or they can retell the story by looking at the pictures.
 They are not expected to read the story themselves.
- We make sure that every book that goes into your child's book bag is a well-loved book one they know already and want to read again and again.



Online resources available

- Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:
- http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/
- Ruth Miskin Facebook:
- https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education
- Free e-books for home reading:
- http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/