

English

Read, Write, Inc (RWI) Phonics



Phonics at East Markham Primary School

At East Markham we use Read Write Inc Phonics (RWI) to give your child the best possible start with their Literacy development. Mrs Chase is our Read Write Inc lead teacher, so if you have questions about RWI, contact school who can refer you to her.

At East Markham Primary School we aim for all our children to become **fluent, confident** readers who are **passionate** about reading.

Children who read regularly or are read to regularly have the opportunity to open the doors to so many different worlds! More importantly, reading will give your child the tools to become independent life-long learners. We can achieve this together through:

- **Read Write Inc, a program to help to your child read at school**
- **Encouraging children to develop a love of books by reading to them daily, at home and at school**
- **Giving children access to a wide range of books at school and at home**

What is Read Write Inc?

Read Write Inc (RWI) is a phonics complete literacy programme which helps **all** children learn to read fluently and at speed so they can focus on developing their skills in comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. The programme is designed for children aged 4-7. However, at EMPS we begin to expose children in Foundation 1 (nursery) to skills that will help them access the taught programme in Foundation 2 (reception). We continue teaching RWI to children beyond the age of 7, as we use a stage not age approach.

RWI was developed by Ruth Miskin and more information on this can be found at <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

How will my child be taught to read?

We start by teaching phonics to the children in our Foundation classes. This means that they learn how to 'read' the sounds in words and how those sounds can be written down. We teach the children simple ways of remembering these sounds and letters.

Reading

The children:

- Learn 44 sounds using simple picture prompts
- Learn to read words using Fred talk and sound blending
- Read from a range of storybooks and non-fiction books matched to their phonic knowledge
- Develop vocabulary and comprehension skills in stories through group discussion

Writing

The children:

- Learn to write and form the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds with the help of fun phrases
- Learn to write words by using Fred Talk
- Learn to build sentences by practising sentences out loud before they write

Progressing through the stages

Children in Early Years are introduced to initial sounds. Children then begin to learn how to 'read' the sound in words and how those sounds can be written down. As children progress, lessons follow the same format but they focus on increasingly complex sounds and children read books appropriate to their reading level. Daily sessions of RWI phonics last 45 minutes. Once children become fluent speedy readers they will move on to Whole Class Reading.

Fred Talk

We use **pure sounds** ('m' not 'muh', 's' not 'suh', etc.) so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily.

[Click here to watch](#) an example of blending sounds with Fred.

Useful websites for Parents

Please find a list of websites that you may find useful in helping you and your child learn about phonics. Games and fun activity websites are also included.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/> - Information and resources to support phonics learning at home

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> - fun games for the children to play

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html> - fun games for the children to play

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - fun games for the children to play

www.teachyourmonstertoread- fun games for the children to play

Read Write Inc guide for parents

The following links provides lots of free *Read Write Inc. Phonics* resources to help your child, including eBooks, practice sheets and parent films.