



Medina Primary School

"Learn together, grow together"

Read

Write

Inc.

A parents' guide.



How can I help my child learn to read and write?

- Read as many stories as you can
- Encourage Fred talk for reading and spelling
- Help them to learn to read red words correctly by sight and spell them
- Help your child notice these words when reading and remind them to spell them correctly when writing
- Talk or ask questions about the stories or information they have read
- Explain the meaning of new words
- Show children the fun that can be gained by listening to stories
- Encourage writing opportunities e.g. writing a list for shopping, writing about a day out or writing a story (give lots of praise)

What is Read Write Inc.?

The Read Write Inc. programme was created by a head teacher called Ruth Miskin. Her Read Write Inc. programmes are published by Oxford University Press and used extensively both in the UK and around the World to improve literacy standards.

The Read Write Inc. Programme is for primary school children learning to read. It enables **every child** to become a confident and fluent reader.

Who is Fred?

At school we use a puppet called Fred who can use pure sounds beautifully. When we say words in sounds we call it 'Fred Talk'. E.g
d-o-g, c-a-t



Fred talk for reading

The children are encouraged to break down the words for reading using pure sounds.

Fred talk for spelling

When children are introduced to a new word they follow these steps:

- Listen to the teacher say the word and they repeat it
- Hold up the right amount of fingers for each sound in the word
- Say the word in Fred talk touching a finger for each sound
- Repeat the word again

Synthetic Phonics

At the core of Read Write Inc. is the vigorous teaching of synthetic phonics. The children learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts. Pure sounds are taught so that your child will be able to blend the sounds into words more easily.

Green and Red words

Any words that can be sounded out are called Green words. Some words are tricky and cannot be sounded out but have to be learnt by sight. These are called Red Words.

Using this method;

Children in the early years learn to read confidently and fluently

Older children with reading difficulties make fast progress and children with specific learning difficulties learn to read.

Why does it work?

- The systematic and lively programme is organised by a Reading Leader
- All staff have been trained by a Read Write Inc. specialist and have weekly coaching sessions
- The children receive a 40 minute RWInc lesson daily
- Reception children for 30 mins each day
- Reception children join the rest of the school in the summer term
- One-to-One phonics interventions for children who require extra support
- Children are assessed every half term and grouped according to their reading level



Useful websites;

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>