

Teaching Phonics at St. Mary's

We all know that reading opens the door to all learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read challenging material. A child who reads

challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns the more a child wants to find out. It is, therefore, vital that your child finds learning to read and write a rewarding and successful experience.



At St Mary's we use Ruth Miskin's Read Write Inc. phonics programme. It provides a structured and systematic approach to teaching phonics.

This programme is aimed at all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and year 2 who are learning to read. Children are taught to:

- Decode letter-sound correspondences quickly and effortlessly, using their phonic knowledge and skills
- Read common exception words on sight
- Understand what they read
- Read aloud with fluency and expression

Below are a few websites that you may find useful in helping you and your child learn about phonics.

Read Write Inc. phonics – learning to read at home.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Oxford owl website provides a Read Write Inc. guide and resources for parents.

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