



Children do not just 'become' readers and reading engagement is not possible if children struggle with the basic mechanics of reading. Fluency, comprehension and enjoyment are the result of careful teaching and frequent practice.

We believe that ensuring children become fluent, comprehensive and engaged readers at the very earliest stages, and also helps avoid the vicious circle of reading difficulty and demotivation that makes later intervention more challenging.

Read Write Inc. (RWI) is a whole school approach to teaching phonics and ensures that 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 St Benet's we begin the programme in Nursery in the spring term and continue teaching RWI to children beyond the age of 7 if they still need reading support.

### **NURSERY**

Children begin their reading journey in Nursery, where they are introduced to Speed Sounds Set 1 and the development of pre-reading skills is supported with the children becoming familiar with a wide selection of literature and rhymes. This consists of short 5/10minute sessions.

### **RECEPTION**

RWI is introduced formally in Reception and continues into Year 1, where phonemes and graphemes are taught systematically and children begin to blend these sounds into words. The use of books which are closely matched to children's phonic knowledge and include common 'tricky' words aid children's fluency and provide opportunities for development of comprehension skills.

- The children learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups using simple picture prompts.
- They learn to read words using FRED TALK and sound blending.
- They read from a range of storybooks and non-fiction books matched to their phonic knowledge.
- They develop comprehension skills.
- They children learn to write and form letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds using simple picture prompts and phrases.
- They learn to write words using FRED TALK.

### **YEAR 1**

Children follow the same format as Reception but will work on complex sounds and read books appropriate to their reading level. Daily sessions of RWI phonics are accompanied by English sessions.

### **Nursery Home Pack**

Each week, children will bring home:

- 'Reading for Pleasure' book
- Talk Talk bag.
- In the spring term, if your child is ready, they will bring home sound flash cards.

### **Reception Home Reading Packs**

Every week, children will bring home:

- 'Reading for Pleasure' book
- A reading pack which is tailored to their phonics needs. The packs may include sound cards, red/green words to learn and a book.
- Parents will be sent video links to support sounds learned in phonics sessions
- Online Read, Write Inc. storybook linked to lessons from the previous week

### **KS1 – Y1 Home Reading Books:**

If your child is still on our phonics RWI scheme:

They will bring home-

- 'Reading for Pleasure' book
- A reading pack which is tailored to their phonics needs. The packs may include sound cards, red/green words to learn and a book.
- Parents will be sent video links to support sounds learned in phonics sessions
- Online Read, Write Inc. storybook linked to lessons from the previous week

### **Reading**

As children develop confidence and competence in their phonics knowledge and are able to read fluently, they will transfer to our Oxford Reading Tree scheme. This ensures that children are offered a wide selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, written by loved and respected authors and carefully developed for appropriate content and reading levels.

From Year 3, as children progress through the levels, they will move on to Tree Tops books whereby vocabulary and sentence structures gradually become more complex. The gradual increase in complexity gives children the chance to think about what they're learning as they read – so their comprehension skills and enjoyment of reading both improve.

### **KS1 – Y2 Home Reading Books:**

If your child has completed our RWI phonics scheme:

They will bring home-

- 'Reading for Pleasure' book
- A levelled reading book from our Oxford Reading Tree scheme

### **KS2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) Reading Books:**

They will bring home:

- 'Reading for Pleasure' book
- A levelled Tree Tops book

Within English sessions, your child will be reading every day either independently, with their talk partner or as a whole class.

We adopt a whole class reading approach through timetabled discrete reading sessions to teach specific reading skills and the exploration and enjoyment of a class novel is used as a stimulus for writing and enjoyment for reading within English sessions.