

Reading at St Oswald's

Overview

At St Oswald's Catholic Primary School we recognise that being able to read is one of the most important skills children will learn during their early schooling. We believe that a child's ability to read is of paramount importance to their future education and success in life. We therefore consider the teaching of reading to be central to the curriculum and this is given a high priority throughout the school.

Read Write Inc

We follow the 'Read Write Inc' phonics programme, which begins in Nursery and continues until children are confident, speedy readers, who decode accurately and read for meaning. Some children will have completed The Read Write Inc. Programme by Year 2 and others will remain on the programme until Year 4.

During Read Write Inc lessons children will:

- Learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple picture prompts.
- Learn to read words using Fred Talk.
- During Read Write Inc lessons children will:
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out.
- Show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions.



Fred Talk



When using RWI to write the children will:

Learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent 44 sounds.

Learn to write words by saying the sounds in Fred Talk

Write simple sentences

Download or print the RWI speed sounds charts by clicking [here](#)

Watch this video to find out what you need to know about Daily Phonics Lessons. Click here to download our YouTube Speed Sounds Lessons Schedule: form our web...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFyDwUKSw7Y>

Read Write Inc.

Ruth Miskin
Training



Parent Video

Introduction to Daily Phonics Lessons

Reading Plus



When children have completed The Read Write Inc program, they move onto using Reading Plus in KS2, which helps them develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Regular Reading Plus practice helps reading become easier, comprehension skills increase, and meaningful connections between reading and learning are made.

Home Readers

All our children take home a reading book to practise reading skills and develop independence. Home reading books work alongside class reading books allowing children to comprehend them easily and read with pace and fluency. Children who are confident with reading a specific text enjoy returning to that text and by doing this will build on skills like expression, self-correction and a higher level of comprehension.

In Reception and Key Stage 1 children take home 'Read write Inc. Book and a phonetically decodable book. These books are closely matched to the phonic level at which the children are working. We encourage children to read these books at least 3 times during the week to develop fluency, pace and understanding of the text.

Children in Years 3 to 6 children have access to the KS2 Reading Scheme where they choose a reading book matched to the language and phonic level at which they are currently working. Children regularly change their books and are encouraged to bring their reading books into school at least once per week so reading can be monitored.

When reading with your child at home you might find it useful to ask some of the following questions:

[Reading at home questions](#)

Reading for Pleasure

We encourage all our children to read widely for their own pleasure, enjoyment, and information. To ensure every child is exposed to a selection of good quality literature, we carefully select the class texts used in lessons and encourage children to recommend books to each other during weekly Book Club sessions in each class. For an up-to-date list of age-appropriate books, please click the links below

[Nursery Recommended books poster](#)

[Reception Recommended books poster](#)

[Year 1 Recommended books poster](#)

[Year 2 Recommended books poster](#)

[Year 3. Recommended books poster](#)

[Year 4 Recommended books poster](#)

[Year 5 Recommended books poster](#)

[Year 6 Recommended books poster](#)

In addition to the above, we have close links with Gateshead libraries where we attend events and invite staff into school. In school we have access to a very well-resourced school library.

As a school, we regularly host reading events, including author visits, annual whole school reading challenges, World Book Day, Book Fair and reading incentives.

Useful Links

Here are some useful websites and apps your child might enjoy using to support them in their reading:



[Phonics Bloom](#)



[Literacy Zone](#)



[The Reading Realm](#)



[Book Trust](#)



[Teach your Monster](#)



[Oxford Owl](#)