



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 1 and 2 Phonics using Read Write Inc.



Earlier in the year we advised that over the course of the year, we will be moving to using Read Write Inc as our Phonics scheme at Halsford Park.

Following the training on the Inset day on Tuesday 6th January, we are excited to update you on our next steps as we make this transition.

What has already happened?

The children have been introduced to Fred the Frog who will be helping them with their phonics. The children are learning to help Fred with blending the sounds to read words.



All children in Year 1 have been assessed and grouped into new phonics groups.

Children in Year 2 that did not pass the Phonics Screening Check in Year 1 have been assessed and have also been allocated to new phonics groups.

As children are grouped based on what they know and the sounds they need to learn next, they are mixed across Year 1 and Year 2. At present, we have 5 groups.

We will re assess the children every 4-6 weeks and re-group as necessary as they make progress.

Children join their phonic group each morning at 9am.

What will happen next?

We will communicate with you which group your child is via Google Classroom.

We will be setting up your child's group on Google Classroom. This will be used to share key updates including which sounds they have been working on as well as videos for you to help your child practise at home. Please join the class once invited on Google Classroom. If you are unsure how to do this, speak to Miss Loftus or Mrs Sloane.

We will be updating our school website and sharing key information videos from Read Write Inc with parents via Google Classroom and the Newsletter.

Later in the Spring Term, we will be running a parent workshop to talk through the principles of Read Write Inc, the key changes and what this looks like in school for your child. More details to follow.

What will my child read at home?

Whilst we get Read Write Inc up and running in Key Stage 1, we will not be making any changes to reading books at this time. Your child will still bring home their coloured reading book which we recommend they read each day to support their fluency and comprehension as well as their decoding skills. Their class teacher will decide when they are ready to move to a new book band. If you have any question, please speak to your child's class teacher.

At Halsford Park, we are committed to ensuring that every child becomes a confident and fluent reader and in turn develops a love for reading.

Read Write Inc.

“Reading transforms the human brain, which transforms the mind, which transforms the life of every reader.”

If you have any questions about Read Write Inc, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, our Phonics Champion, Mrs Sloane or our Early Reading Champion, Mrs Scanlan.

Kind Regards

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