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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our newsletter at the start of term please read on to find out about the Read, Write Inc programme and how it may change the way we do things.

What is Read Write Inc?

It is a complete literacy programme that covers phonics, reading, writing and spelling giving your children the best chance of success when learning to read.

For the past few years we have just been using the phonics part of the programme and have seen the impact it has made. We are now going to use the whole programme as it will tie in the phonics work with storybooks, so they can apply their phonics skills in context, directly to books.

How do we know it works?

Schools using this programme have been recognised by OFSTED as examples of how the best schools teach reading.

We have also visited other schools who use the programme and have been impressed by the standards that children achieve.

To find out more

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

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home

What might be different in school? The Read Write Inc programme runs for an hour a day and allows the teachers to actively **teach** children to read and have time to practise these skills within the lesson with the teacher and with their partner.

It teaches children a whole range of reading skills

- to decode words using phonics
- 'tricky' words (words that can't be sounded out)
- fluency
- expression
- to retrieve information
- to make inferences about what they have read and prove their ideas

The reading books in their bags are for the children to practice what they have been learning **at home**, not to read to their teacher in school. During the Read Write Inc lessons the teachers will be monitoring the children's reading and assessing how they are doing, including whether they are ready to change band.

In terms of changing books

Year 1 have extra reading sessions on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday where they can change their books.

Year 2 can change their books in register time in the morning or at the end of the day.

[Parents are welcome to come in at the end of the day to help children change books.](#)

The more you can practise at home the quicker the children will become fluent readers. We don't expect the children to read the whole book at a time - just a few pages.

Thank you for your support.

The Key Stage 1 team.