



Ark Priory Primary Academy

Our Approach to Phonics and Reading

At Ark Priory Primary we follow the Read, Write, Inc. (RWI) Phonics programme which is a synthetic phonics and literacy programme for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children within the school. Children learn the 44 common phonetic sounds in order to be able to independently blend them to develop reading, writing and spelling skills.

The RWI sessions take place each day for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children as the pace and consistency of the programme is a key element to developing reading skills for all children which is integral to effective learning in the rest of the academy curriculum.

Our ultimate aims and objectives within the Read Write Inc programme are for the children to be able to learn and apply sound blending skills and to learn to segment words in order to be able to create skilled and confident readers. Children also learn to read and spell words that do not conform to regular phonetic patterns (High Frequency Words) and decode both fiction and non-fiction texts through discussion, performance and teacher led activities.

Once the Year 2 children are fluent at decoding they progress to Cracking Comprehension and RWI Spelling. These programmes enable children to develop their comprehension, writing, critical thinking, discussion skills and also gain a firm knowledge and understanding of spelling and grammar.