



Ark Priory Primary Academy

Phonics Curriculum Mission Statement

Intent

The intent of Phonics at Ark Priory is for all children to become fluent and confident readers by the end of Year 1. The Read Write Inc. programme teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. Children learn to form each letter, spell correctly and compose their ideas step-by-step. The programme allows students map out sounds into spellings and provides them with the ability to decode words. Decoding words aids in the development of word recognition, which in turn increases reading fluency.

Implementation

The Phonics Read Write Inc. programme consists of:

Reading:

- Children learn the English alphabetic code: starting from nursery, first they learn one way to read 40+ sounds and learn how to blend these sounds into words.
- They experience success from the very beginning. Lively phonics books are closely matched to their increasing knowledge of phonics and 'tricky' words where children read the stories to help their fluency increase.
- Along with a thought-provoking introduction, prompts for thinking out loud and discussions, children are helped to read with a storyteller's voice.

Writing:

- The children write every day, rehearsing out aloud what they want to say, before spelling the word using graphemes and 'tricky' words they know.
- They practice handwriting every day: sitting at a table comfortably, they learn correct letter formation and how to join letters speedily and legibly to form words.
- Children's ideas: vocabulary and grammar is developed by drawing on their own experiences and talking about the stories they read.

Year 1 screening check:

- At the end of the year, all Year 1 children will sit through a 'Phonics Screen Check'.
- The children will be given the right tools to succeed.

Impact

We endeavour to ensure all children pass their phonics screening check and become fluent readers by the end of the programme in Year 1. Regular practice sessions and feedback to teachers ensures we are constantly learning and improving our outstanding teaching. Reading and writing is key to every single child's success in school. It develops the mind and provides children with opportunities to be authors, creative thinkers and develops their communication and language skills. At Ark Priory, we help shape the children's minds to find a love and passion for reading and writing and give each child the successful start they need in their lives to endeavour and excel in all they set their minds to achieve.