

At Leopold Primary School children learn to read with Read Write Inc. Phonics, a very popular and successful literacy programme.

Your child will learn to read in a very simple way. He or she will learn to:

- 1. Read letters by their 'sounds'
- 2. Blend these sounds into words
- 3. Read the words in a story



Read Write Inc. Phonics is a method of teaching reading and

writing, which is centered around learning the sounds of the letters (phonics) and then blending them together to read words. The children also learn to break down words into individual sounds in order to write them.

When using RWI to read the children will:

• Learn to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into understanding what they read.

• Learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple picture prompts.

- Learn to read words using Fred Talk.
- Learn to read words by blending the sounds together.
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learnt to sound out.
- Show that they understand the stories by answering 'Find It' and 'Prove it' discussion questions.

When using RWI to spell the children will:

• Spell effortlessly so that they can put their energy into working out what they want to write.

- Learn to write the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds (graphemes).
- Learn to write words by saying the sounds in Fred Talk.

<u>Blending</u>

Children learn to read words by blending the letter sounds that are in the Speed

Sound sets. Help your child learn to read words by sound-blending e.g. c-a-t = cat. Help children to say the pure sounds, as quickly as they can and then to blend the sounds together to say the whole word.



