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Dear Parents

Last year the government announced that they would be validating systematic synthetic phonics schemes against a [16 point checklist](#) to show that they are considered to meet all of the most recent Department for Education (DfE) criteria for an effective systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programme. As a school we have researched the validated schemes and made an informed decision to implement Read Write Inc.

Read Write Inc. Phonics is a whole-school approach to teaching literacy that creates fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers. It integrates phonics with comprehension, writing, grammar, spelling and handwriting, using engaging partner work and drama. It is a fast-paced, rigorous and structured phonics programme, developed by Ruth Miskin, that helps get every child reading fast and gives teachers the confidence and skills to deliver high-quality teaching every day.

There are 12 groups that the children will be split into depending on their phonics skills. Assessments have already taken place and the children have been allocated a group. Please note this does mean that the groups can contain children from Reception, year 1 and year 2. This is essential to ensure that all pupils are taught at the correct stage of their learning. We have visited another school to see how this is effectively managed.

I have attached two booklets that tell you more about the scheme and how to support your child's learning at home. Please note that the sounds are taught in a different order to our current phonics scheme and so we are sending a new sound booklet home on the 21st February. This will indicate which group of sounds your child will be learning. Please support them to learn them fluently. The booklets also enable your child to practice writing the sounds correctly. Reading books sent home will match the sounds being learnt at school. There are two types of books that will come home. The paper book bag book is a black and white copy of the book that your child will have read in class and the coloured book bag book has the same sounds in for them to apply what they have learnt that week. The scheme has cost a significant amount of money and therefore, therefore in line with our charging and remissions policy, we will have to ask parents to pay £5 for the loss or damage of any individual book, so please do ensure that these are returned.

The children will also have access to online teaching and books. The login details will be emailed to you in the first week back at school through your child's school email address. Please look out for further details after the half term break.

If you would like to learn more about Read Write Inc please use the following link that not explains more and has resources available: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

We are very excited to be implementing Read Write Inc. All the staff in the school have worked extremely hard over the last few weeks to prepare for the launch after half term and attended training. Once staff have implemented the programme for the first few weeks, we will then organise training sessions that parents can attend.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Kind regards

Mrs Thomas

Literacy Subject Leader

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