Phonics - **Read Write Inc (RWI)**

At Thornhill Primary School, we follow the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme to get children off to a flying start with their reading and spelling. RWI is a phonics based programme which helps children learn to read whilst also developing a wide range ofvocabulary and encouraging a love of reading.

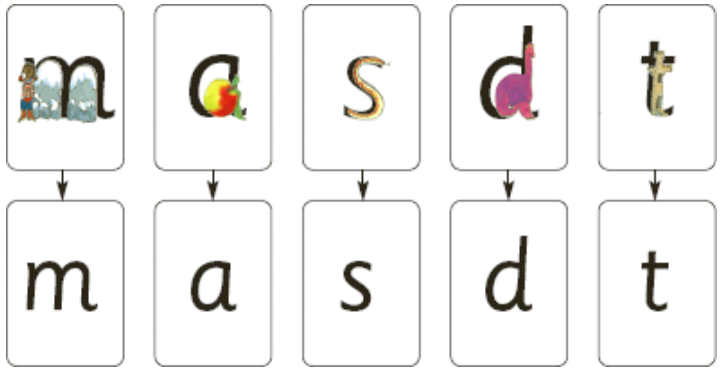
Reading opens the door to learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read more challenging material. A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns, the more he or shewill want to find out.

Using RWI, the children learnt to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energyinto comprehending what they read. It also aids them to spell effortlessly so that theycan put all their energy into composing what they write.

Children will begin the programme in Early Years and our aim is for most children to beoff the programme by the end of Year 2, however some children may remain on the programme in Years 3 and 4.

When using RWI to read the children will:

- learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple prompts
- learn to read words using Fred Talk
- read lively stories featuring words they have learned to sound out
- show that they comprehend the stories by answering questions.



When using RWI to write the children will:

- learn to write letters/ letter groups which represent 44 sounds
- learn to write words by saying the sounds in Fred Talk
- write for different purposes using the stories read

The programme starts by teaching children to read Set 1 Speed sounds. Letter-soundpictures are used to help children learn these sounds quickly. E.g. ssssnake is morphed into s d-d-d-dinosaur is morphed into d.

Once children can read Set 1 Speed sounds, Set 2 and Set 3 Speed Sounds are taught with the aid of lively captions to help children remember all their 44 phonemes and corresponding graphemes.

Long vowel sound	Set 2 Speed Sound cards ***Taught first***	Set 3 Speed Sound cards	
ay	ay: may I play	a-e: make a cake	ai: snail in the rain
ee	ee: what can you see	ea: cup of tea	e: he me we she be
igh	igh: fly high	i-e: nice smile	
ow	ow: blow the snow	o-e: phone home	ao: goat in a boat
oo	oo: poo at the zoo	u-e: huge brute	ew: chew the stew
oo	oo: look at a book		
ar	ar: start the car		
or	or: shut the door	aw: yawn at dawn	
air	air: that's not fair	are: share and care	