

Listening to your child read

Your child has completed the Read Write Inc Phonics Programme and has now progressed onto the Read Write Inc Comprehension Programme.

The information here will help you to support your child in continuing to make steady progress with their reading.

In our school, children read each Read Write Inc. text in class with their partner, aiming to build their fluency/speed and comprehension and confidence. Your child completed Grey books last half term and has now built up the level of fluency required to progress onto the Comprehension Programme.

Through the Comprehension Programme your child will continue to read to develop fluency but with a greater focus on understanding what has been read and being able to answer a range of different questions. They will also develop their vocabulary, punctuation and grammar to support their writing. They will work on a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

In your child's book bag, they will bring home:

- the text they have read in class to practise reading what they can already read.
- an age appropriate book. This book is not a Read Write Inc book and will not have been used in class but should be at an appropriate level for your child to read. They may need to practise reading this more than once. The first time they may need to decode some words using 'Fred talk' especially more complex words. After the second read they should be able to read with more fluency and understanding.
- a picture book/chapter book to share with you - they are not expected to read the story themselves but may wish to have a go now they are at this stage.

So, to recap, what can you do to help at home?

- 1. Listen to your child read the Read Write Inc text and ask them questions about it.**
- 2. Listen to your child read their age appropriate book. Encourage them to use 'Special Friends', 'Fred Talk', 'read the word' the first time they read if there are any words that they are unsure of. Encourage their storyteller voice.**
- 3. Ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding.**
- 4. Record their reading in their Reading Diary.**

For more information, there are free video tutorials on the website – www.ruthmiskin.com click 'parents'.

You can of course also ask your teacher or Mrs Cliff!