

Read Write Inc frequently asked questions

Why read the same book more than once?

The Read write inc scheme books are matched perfectly to the sounds your child is learning. This means they will be able to use their phonics skills to decode any word in the book. Because the book is familiar to your child, their reading pace will increase as they will be able to read the words without pausing to decode each one. Their confidence will build and so will their reading stamina.

What strategies can my child use to help them read?

If they hesitate over a word, remind them to read the word using 'Special Friends, Fred Talk, read the word'. Remind your child not to use Fred Talk to read Red words but instead to stop and think. Tell them the word if needed. When they have needed to Fred talk a word or had help, encourage them to re-read the whole sentence or page, trying to recall that word this time.

My child is losing interest in their book.

Remember to keep up your enthusiasm for reading the same book too. Don't say 'this book is too easy for you'. Instead say 'I love how well you can read this book' or 'your reading is really improving!' If you are still concerned, we also have a set of book bag books which closely match the skill book your child is bringing home. Please speak to Mrs Gilroy if you would like your child to bring one of these home too.

How do I know how much progress my child is making?

Every 5 weeks we will reassess all the children on the Read Write inc scheme and they may change groups. Children who need extra support are receiving 1:1 tutoring in the afternoons to help them keep up. These children change regularly.

My child doesn't have a reading book yet

The Read Write Inc scheme only gives children reading material with sounds in it they know. This means they are able to break down the words. Imagine if you were learning a new language, you would need the tools to read it. Before the children progress into reading whole books they begin with little sound books where they practise individual sounds, then they may take home a 'Ditty' this a photocopied page with sounds and words to practise which they know. The aim is for children to move through the scheme quickly, so the more they read these with you at home, the sooner they will be on the more exciting books!

What is a share book?

A share book is a library book for you to enjoy together. Your child should not be expected to read this on their own, this is for them to look at the pictures or for you to read to them

to build reading enjoyment.

Lastly thank you so much for your support with our new reading scheme, thank you for looking after the paper books so well. They are all part of a set and we need to keep them in good condition for the next group to read them. If you have any more questions or concerns please speak to Mrs Gilroy or your child's class teacher.