

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Hylton Castle Primary School we use the 'Read Write Inc' phonics programme to teach your child to read. It is a progressive approach to teaching your child the sounds that they need to know, to help them develop as independent readers by the time they leave year 1.



What do you need to know?



The programme is fast paced and lively, and the focus is on enjoyment of reading!



The programme uses REPETITION to reinforce the knowledge of sounds and to develop reading fluency.



Phonics will be taught EVERY day so it's important that your child doesn't miss any sessions as they will have to catch up!



They will be taught a new sound 'special friend' every day and will learn the rhyme associated with that sound.



They will practise reading and spelling words with that sound every day.



They will read a story book (linked to their specific phonics group) every day with their group leader in school. This could be every day for 3 days, or every day for five days depending upon the group they are in.



This exact same book will be allocated to you on the Oxford Owl website for you to read with your child every night so they can practise their reading fluency and you can see what they are learning in their lessons.



They will also be given a RWI reading book to bring home every night in their book bag. They will read this SAME book to you every night until their group leader sends the next book home.








They will be tested every 6 -8 weeks to see if they need to move to a different phonics group.



What can I do to help my child?



-  Read their **online** book every night –ask your child’s teacher for their log in details. Why not take a photo of it on your phone so you don’t lose it.
-  Read their **home** reading book with them every night.
-  Be enthusiastic EVERY time you listen to them read...even if it’s the fifth time you’ve heard the story!
-  Comment on how well they are doing. Developing the confidence to read independently is a big step for your child.
-  Watch the videos on our school website to make sure you are not teaching your child to read and pronounce the sounds incorrectly. This is extremely important in supporting them at home.