

Phonics at St Chad's RC Primary School

At St Chad's RC Primary School, we use the **Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics** programme to teach children the skills they need to become confident readers and writers.

What is Read Write Inc. Phonics?

- 1 Helps children recognise and say sounds (phonemes).
- 2 Supports children to blend sounds to read words.
- 3 Teaches children to segment words to spell them.
- 4 Builds accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.
- 5 Develops a love of reading from an early age.

How We Teach Phonics at St Chad's RC Primary School

- 1 Daily phonics lessons in small groups.
- 2 Children grouped according to progress.
- 3 Sessions include new sounds, 'green words' (decodable) and 'red words' (common exception words).
- 4 Storybooks matched to each child's phonics knowledge.
- 5 Regular assessment to track progress.

How You Can Support at Home

- 1 Listen to your child read their phonics storybook daily.
- 2 Practise sounds using 'pure sounds' (see link below).
- 3 Practise 'green words' and 'red words'.
- 4 Read aloud to your child regularly.
- 5 Encourage spotting sounds and words in the environment.

Useful Resources for Parents

- Oxford Owl – Learn to Read with Phonics: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>
- How to Say the Sounds (YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>
- Parent Guide: Read Write Inc. Phonics: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

■ If you have any questions about phonics or how to support your child, please speak to your child's class teacher or our Phonics Lead.