

Phonics at Horncastle

At Horncastle Primary School, our aspiration for each of our children is to facilitate a love of reading through building a strong phonic knowledge which they can apply throughout the curriculum. We strive to give pupils a stimulating environment, where they are immersed in Phonics, and it is at the heart of our teaching.

The development of phonics cannot be seen in isolation from other areas of the curriculum.

Get reading. Keep reading. Change Everything. (Ruth Miskin)



Our Aims and Purpose
Our aim is to teach every child to read and write, and to keep them reading.
No exceptions.



How do we do it?

- We give teachers the skills and confidence to reach every child using the Read Write Inc programme.
- Teachers will act as role models in their enthusiasm for phonics.
- Children learn to read the 40+ sounds and blend these sounds into words. They then learn to read the same sounds with alternative graphemes.
- Daily Phonic lessons are taught discretely in appropriately matched groups.
- Daily tutoring is an essential part of our delivery supporting the lowest 20% of children and spotlight children.
- The children write every day, rehearsing out loud what they want to say, before spelling the words using the graphemes and 'tricky' words they know, as appropriate to their developmental stage.
- Children are regularly assessed and grouped according to their need and ability.
- Reading materials are closely matched to the phonic knowledge of the child.
- Parents are informed of how they can support their child, at every stage of their development.
- Home books allow children to practise the phonic knowledge developed in class.

The fundamentals

- A belief that every child can, and will become a competent reader through the acquisition of phonic knowledge.
- They experience success from the very beginning.
- Phonics is taught through a systematic synthetic programme, RWI.
- A focus on reading fluency.
- All staff are trained in the implementation of RWI to ensure consistency.
- Parents are informed of how they can support their child and appropriate resources supplied.

Horncastle Phonic Strategies

- Follow Read Write Inc
- Daily phonic teaching
- Daily 1:1 tutoring
- Spotlight children
- Materials matched to phonic ability
- 'Book Bag' books to go home
- RWI resources displayed
- Phonic resources sent home
- Regular assessments

Planning

We use Read Write Inc to teach phonic knowledge in order to give the children the skills to be able to de-code to read. Children are assessed regularly, grouped accordingly and delivered the appropriate level of RWI.