



Phonics at Chapel St Leonards Primary School

At Chapel St Leonards Primary School we follow the Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme which is a complete literacy programme, for 4 to 7 year-olds learning to read and write.

In our Reception class all of our children:

- Read storybooks and non-fiction books closely matched to their developing phonic knowledge
- Take home Phonics storybooks to share
- Read with fluency and expression
- Learn to spell using known sounds
- Write confidently by practising what they want to write out loud first
- Work well with a partner.

By the end of Year 1 all of our children:

- Are accurate and speedy readers

As a school we are delighted to be taking part in a two-year professional development (PD) and leadership programme as part of The Department for Education's Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF) focusing on the teaching of phonics and early reading and writing with Read Write Inc. Phonics. The programme focuses on the teaching of phonics and early reading and writing with Read Write Inc. Phonics. The school is committed to raising life chances for every child – regardless of background.

Read Write Inc Phonics works because it:

- Makes learning to read focused and fun; we put as much joy into teaching the sound 'r' as we do into reading a story by Roald Dahl
- Uses picture mnemonics to teach all Reception children to read and write 30 sounds in two months
- Gives children storybooks matched to the sounds they know so they develop accuracy, speed and confidence
- Uses a unique 'three reads' approach to ensure that children love the story and can read it proudly with fluency and expression at home
- Provides the tools for your children to become confident writers: by the end of Year 1 children can write at length using exciting vocabulary and good spelling
- Picks up struggling readers and writers straight away with one-to-one tutoring - an effective use of pupil premium and pupil deprivation grant funding.