

## **Phonics at Phoenix**

### **Intent**

At Phoenix, we follow the Read Write Inc phonics programme. It is a systematic and synthetic phonics programme. We start teaching phonics in Reception and follow the Read Write Inc progressive teaching structure which ensures children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell as they move through school.

We have a strong focus on language development for our children because we know that speaking and listening are crucial skills for reading and writing in all subjects.

### **Implementation**

Children that are being taught phonics using the Read Write Inc. scheme receive daily phonics lessons. We begin teaching phonics in Reception from when children first start school to ensure they make a strong start. Lessons are a small number of minutes and focus on single letter sounds. Lessons eventually build up to 40 minutes in length and follow the Read Write Inc expectations of progress.

### **Impact**

Children read easily, confidently and fluently but where additional support is required further interventions support the learner. All children actively read the text for meaning to ensure that the story is understood and read with fluency and expression. All children develop an understanding of reading to comprehend the text. The children are exposed to a wide variety of vocabulary and phrases. There is a strong emphasis placed on working collaboratively to enhance their spoken language and embed their understanding. Assessment takes place daily within class, and regularly by the Phonics Leader. Children are able to demonstrate their understanding in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.