



## Reading at New Mills Primary School

Learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible.

We want your child to love reading and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure that they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

At New Mills Primary School we teach children to read using the Read, Write Inc scheme.

This scheme focusses on developing all the skills needed to become a good reader- **decoding, understanding and finally a love of reading.**

**Decoding.** Learning the mechanics of reading ie decoding, learning sounds and blending.

**Understanding.** Develop an understanding of what they read by questioning and talking about the story. Explain unfamiliar words and use these words as often as possible throughout the day to help your child widen their vocabulary.

**Developing a love for books/reading.** Reading opens up the world to your child, it gives them somewhere to go when they have to stay where they are!

Please see the booklet for more information about the Read, Write ,Inc scheme.

### How you can help your child

- **Read to your child every day.** Share fiction, non -fiction, poetry and rhymes with your child. Discuss the pictures and the story. Ask your child to discuss their opinion of the text. The more you talk and read to your child the better they will write. You can't write if you don't have anything to write about!
- **Reading Books:**  
Your child will come home with a reading book to share with you. This book is for reading practise and it is meant to be easier than the books they would read in

school when we teach reading. It is important that the book your child reads with you is accessible to them because if they get more than one word in 10 wrong the book is too hard and they will fail and not enjoy reading. If they read a book that they can easily decode that gives you time to talk, discuss the story, ask questions and check understanding of vocabulary.

- Listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes every day. Try to make this an enjoyable experience for both of you and make it fun. If your child is tired, try sharing the reading and read a page each. When your child has read, re-read to model fluency and expression.
- **Give lots of praise and love!** Children will be turned off reading if they feel that they are failing. If your child struggles with a word and it can be sounded out encourage them to do this. If the word can not be easily sounded out read the word to your child.
- **Look for more information about Read, Write Inc on the Oxford Owl Website.** This site gives guidance to parents and provides helpful video clips which explain for example the correct pronunciation of sounds.
- **Learning to read is NOT a race! Don't compare your child to others.**

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's reading journey, please contact school by email so that these can be discussed.

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