

Benwick Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

New Approach to Teaching English

As many of you will be aware, this September we started a new Phonics scheme in Key Stage 2 called 'Read Write Inc.' designed by Ruth Miskin. It is based on the following ideas:

We all know that reading opens the door to all learning.
A child who reads a lot will become a good reader.
A good reader will be able to read challenging material.
A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn.
The more a child learns the more a child wants to find out.

We are extremely lucky to have purchased the programme which follows on from Read Write Inc., 'Literacy and Language' thanks to an Opportunity Area Funding Grant.

'Literacy and Language' follows the same principles as Read Write Inc by ensuring that all children can succeed with reading and writing. It leads straight on from Read Write Inc. as when children have completed the RWI programme they move to Literacy and Language for their year group.

All children from Reception to Year 4, were assessed before Christmas and will be taught either the Phonics programme or the Literacy and Language programme. It is important that the children work at the right stage of the programme for their ability not their age, in order that they can access the Literacy and Language programme later on. Therefore some children will still be continuing to learn to read through Read Write Inc Phonics.

Year 5 and 6 children will be taught their own Year Group programmes with individual support where necessary.

As a school we have decided to split year groups so that children can be taught in smaller groups, similarly to phonics teaching. Literacy and Language will be taught for one hour each morning, 9:10-10:10. This time will be your child's primary English teaching time, however each class will continue to teach some writing, grammar, handwriting and spelling throughout the week.

The following year groups will be taught by the following adults:

Year 6 - Miss Turner

Year 5 - Miss Wakefield/Mrs Smith

Year 4 - Miss Baker

Year 3/2 - Miss Farquhar

Children who are still on RWI Phonics will be taught by other adults in the school.

We will be starting the groups on Monday 7th January.

If you have any questions or queries, please do attend our workshop on Wednesday 23rd January at 9am. We will be able to give you an overview of the programme and you will be able to ask us any questions.

Miss Farquhar

English Lead

Please complete the slip below if you would like to attend the meeting on the 23rd January at 9am.

I/We (delete as appropriate) will be attending the Literacy and Language Information meeting on January 23rd at 9am in the Village Hall.

Name: _____ Signed : _____