

Phonics & Early Reading at Our Lady's

At Our Lady's we follow the Read Write Inc phonics programme.

Read Write Inc is a lively, vigorous approach to teaching synthetic phonics. Children begin by learning the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to sound blend words for reading. During this time you will be invited to join your child and learn the sounds and how they blend together for reading. At the same time your child will learn to form their letters using lively rhyme, ready for writing words and then sentences.

At Our Lady's we use a variety of both fiction and non-fiction books while teaching your child to read. It is important, that your child has exposure to a variety of texts, to read and also to hear being read. Once your child knows the letter sounds they will bring home a reading book to practice reading at home. The book they are provided with has been specially chosen for your child and matched to their own reading ability. It is important your child brings their reading book to school every day, this allows your child to read at school as well as at home on a daily basis.

On Wednesday between 3pm and 3.15pm a member of the teaching staff holds a story time in the library for parents and children. This is a great opportunity for parents to loan books to share at home with their child.

Children at Our Lady's are assessed regularly to ensure they are correctly grouped for learning phonics. All groups are planned for and monitored by the teacher. Children move between the phonic groups as their needs require.

Phonics is taught daily throughout Reception and Key Stage One at 9am, please ensure your child is on time for school to maximize their phonic ability.