

At St Mary's we use a dual approach to teaching reading

Read Write Inc. Phonics is for four to seven-year-old children learning to read and write, and for seven and eight-year-olds that need to **catch up**.

It is a full teaching program proven to develop:

- fluent, enthusiastic readers
- confident speakers
- keen writers

Children are taught to:

- learn to read and write letter-sound correspondences quickly
- decode effortlessly, spell and handwrite easily
- comprehend what they read
- read with fluency and expression
- write confidently using oral rehearsal
- work effectively with a partner to articulate their learning at every step

We supplement this with elements from **Letters and Sounds** which has a wide range of games and Multi-sensory activities which are interesting and engaging but firmly focused on intensifying the learning