

Curriculum Intent for Phonics at Kettering Park Infant Academy

At Kettering Park Infant Academy, we are passionate about the vital role phonics plays in enabling our children to become confident readers and spellers. From January 2022 we have moved to using the 'Read Write Inc' programme to deliver our phonics, sharing their sole mission 'to teach every child to read and write – and to keep them reading, No exceptions'. This program is fast paced, rigorous and structured so children learn to read quickly.

All of the staff have received training to deliver this program effectively and will continue to build their expertise through coaching and practice sessions. In line with the RWI programme, our children are assessed and grouped according to their reading progress across year groups. They learn sounds and practise reading at a similar challenge level and are re-assessed every half term to determine new groups and progress.

The Read, Write Inc reading books that the children access in their phonic sessions and those that they take home are matched to the children's phonic knowledge and so are fully decodable. Every child's phonics progress is carefully tracked using the 'RWI tracker' systems. This enables us to easily identify any extra support children may need. Our lowest 20% of readers are targeted for one to one tuition and are more regularly monitored to ensure they "keep up, not catch up".

This is our intent for phonics on our journey of continued improvement.