**Reading and Phonics at Neston Primary School**

**Phonics**

At Neston Primary School, early reading is taught using synthetic phonics as the main approach to reading. Pupils are systematically taught phonemes (sounds), how to blend the sounds for word reading. They are taught how to segment the sounds in order to write words. They are taught to use their phonic skills and knowledge as their first approach to reading, but are also taught high frequency words, which do not completely follow the phonic rules.

In order to teach phonics we use a programme called Read, Write Inc. When your child begins this programme in school, we provide all parents/carers with an information booklet.

You can also watch video tutorials on <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/> to help you to understand more about *Read Write Inc*. Phonics and how to help your child read and write at home. The films show parents and carers how we teach children to read and write with *Read Write Inc.*Phonics.

Other useful websites:

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/ruthmiskintrainingedu?mc_cid=63bfb74b56&mc_eid=4ec2ad9cea>

Reading for Pleasure

At Neston Primary School, we encourage pupils to develop a love for reading by having well stocked library corners in each classroom, strong links with Neston library, ‘Paws and Read’ with a reading dog and having many volunteers who come into school to listen to pupils reading. We also have a very successful Book Swap Shop that is open each week. Children are able to borrow a book each week and return it the following week. The books in the swap shop are regularly added too and the new books are highlighted in assemblies and in classes.

We also support and actively promote the local libraries Summer Reading Scheme. We have also organised Extreme Reading competitions and participate in World Book Day each year.

Accelerated Reader

In KS2 children use Accelerated Reader. This promotes a love of reading and comprehension skills. Each child has their own target set, which is matched to their ability. Children read and quiz and books at their own level. Since introducing the program children have made good progress and our previously reluctant readers are now enjoying reading. The children receive certificates and are entered into a raffle when they reach their individual target.