

Medeshamstede Academy Phonics Strategy

Read, Write Inc (RWI) is the programme used to teach Phonics at Medeshamstede Academy as taken from the list of approved phonics scheme. RWI is a very successful reading programme that aims to enable every child to become confident, accurate and fluent readers. Throughout the programme the children:

- Learn how to pronounce the 44 sounds (single letters, groups of letters) in the English language
- Learn how to form letters correctly using child-friendly patterns, e.g. Maisie, mountain, mountain for 'm'
- Learn to read tricky/red words by sight recognition
- Learn how to blend sounds together in order to read e.g. d-o-g becomes dog
- Read a hand-picked selection of a range of fiction and non-fiction books
- Learn how to pronounce and therefore accurately blend 'silly friends' e.g. br, sl, scr
- Develop their comprehension skills through careful and developmentally-appropriate questioning