



Reading is such an important life skill and it is at the heart of everything we do at Ewell Grove. Through reading widely and often children have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually; it also increases pupil's vocabulary because they encounter words they rarely hear or use in everyday speech. Ewell Grove provides opportunities for children to explore a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Children develop their love of literature through the use of cross curricular topics, themes and story-times. We believe a children's love of literature comes from taking every opportunity to expose them to high quality texts for both the purposes of fact finding and enjoyment.

Comprehension goes beyond reading the words on the page – it involves finding meaning, being able to summarise and apply what has been read. Successful reading comprehension requires text comprehension, vocabulary knowledge, and reading fluency. Comprehension is developed across the curriculum; not only in English.

Phonics is an integral part of early reading and writing. Phonics is developed for early readers to enable them to become skilled at thinking about and manipulating sounds in words; over time this enables them to become skilled at decoding unfamiliar words to read and encode words in order to write.



Read Write Inc. is the program that Ewell Grove has adopted to support our teaching of phonics across the school. Read Write Inc. was created by Ruth Miskin whose website has many videos on explaining how phonics is taught and how parents can help at home. Please refer to her website <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>.



A useful website to support the teaching and learning of reading is <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>. The Oxford Owl website has lots of free Read Write Inc. Phonics resources to help to support your child with reading and phonics at home including eBooks, practice sheets and parent films.