Phonics and Early Reading at West Green

Reading is the most important skill a child will ever learn because it is the gateway for success in almost every other subject. At our school, we use *Read Write Inc. (RWI) Phonics* to teach children to read, write and spell with confidence and fluency. RWI is a structured, systematic phonics programme developed by Ruth Miskin and is used successfully in schools across the UK. *Read Write Inc.* teaches children to:

-Recognise sounds (phonics) and blend them to read words
-Read fluently and with understanding
-Spell accurately using their phonic knowledge
-Develop a love of reading – which is INCREDIBLY important to us at West Green!

RWI begins in Reception and continues through Key Stage 1, with support into Key Stage 2 where needed – all children are supported to become confident readers! Children are taught in small, ability-based groups so that teaching closely matches their needs and individual tutoring is put in place where needed. Daily lessons are fast paced, engaging and highly structured. Regular assessments ensure that pupils are placed in the correct group and receive appropriate support or challenge.

As part of the programme, children read to an adult every day. We also send home 'book bag books', which are closely matched to the sounds they are learning at school, so families can support their children successfully at home. All children are also welcome to borrow any book from our well-stocked and beautiful library to enhance their love of reading.

A fantastic family guide about the RWI curriculum, including resources that can be used at home can be found here:

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/