

## **Aims and Objectives**

At St Anthony's we aim to:

- Teach children aural discrimination, phonemic awareness and rhyme awareness in order to encourage good spelling.
- Encourage repetition and consolidation, so that spelling becomes automatic.
- Encourage children to segment and blend.
- Learn to read and write all 44 graphemes in the English language.
- Teach children specific strategies to help them remember tricky words.
- Ensure that the teaching of phonics is lively, interactive and investigative.
- Encourage children to apply their phonic skills in all curriculum areas.
- Ensure parents are involved in their child's early reading development.

## **Principles of Teaching and Learning**

- At St Anthony's, we use the Read, Write, Inc. programme to teach Phonics and Early Reading.
- Children from the Nursery to Year 2 are streamed into ability groups for the delivery of the programme.
- Children in these year groups receive a minimum of 30 minutes direct Phonics teaching daily.
- Group assessments are carried out on a half-termly basis and groups are altered frequently to ensure maximum progress.
- The programme is also used as an intervention for children with English as an additional language and older children who struggle to decode and read fluently.
- Individual children falling behind national expectations are identified and receive 1:1 Read, Write, Inc. intervention.

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