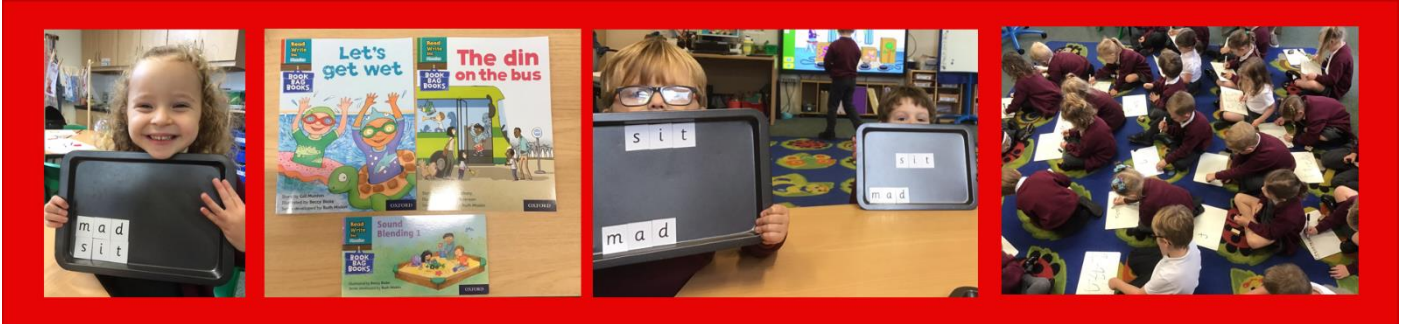




Phonics

Enjoy, Believe, Achieve



Intent

The Ferncumbe C of E Primary School want our pupils to develop strong phonics skills, gain a love for reading, enhance overall literacy levels, and become confident and proficient readers. We aim to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment that meets the needs of every child, regardless of their starting points or backgrounds. By providing high-quality, systematic phonics teaching through RWI with fidelity, we intend to equip our pupils with the essential skills required for a successful and lifelong engagement with reading.

Implementation

Daily RWI phonics lessons are carefully structured, following the recommended format and pace outlined in the programme. The teaching of phonics is systematic, cumulative, and interactive, engaging pupils in active participation. Lessons are designed to be inclusive, differentiating for individual needs and providing appropriate challenge and support. During RWI sessions, pupils are grouped according to their phonics knowledge and abilities, allowing teachers to deliver targeted instruction tailored to the needs of each group.

All teachers and teaching assistants involved in teaching RWI receive high-quality initial training and ongoing professional development to ensure they are confident and proficient in delivering the programme. Our staff are trained to effectively use the RWI resources, including the online platform, to ensure consistency and maintain high standards of teaching.

To complement RWI phonics lessons, pupils take home RWI Book Bag Books matched to their phonic ability. These books provide opportunities for applying phonics skills in reading, while also fostering comprehension skills. Comprehension activities are integrated into the lessons, progressing alongside the development of phonics skills, ensuring our pupils become not only fluent readers but also proficient in understanding what they read.