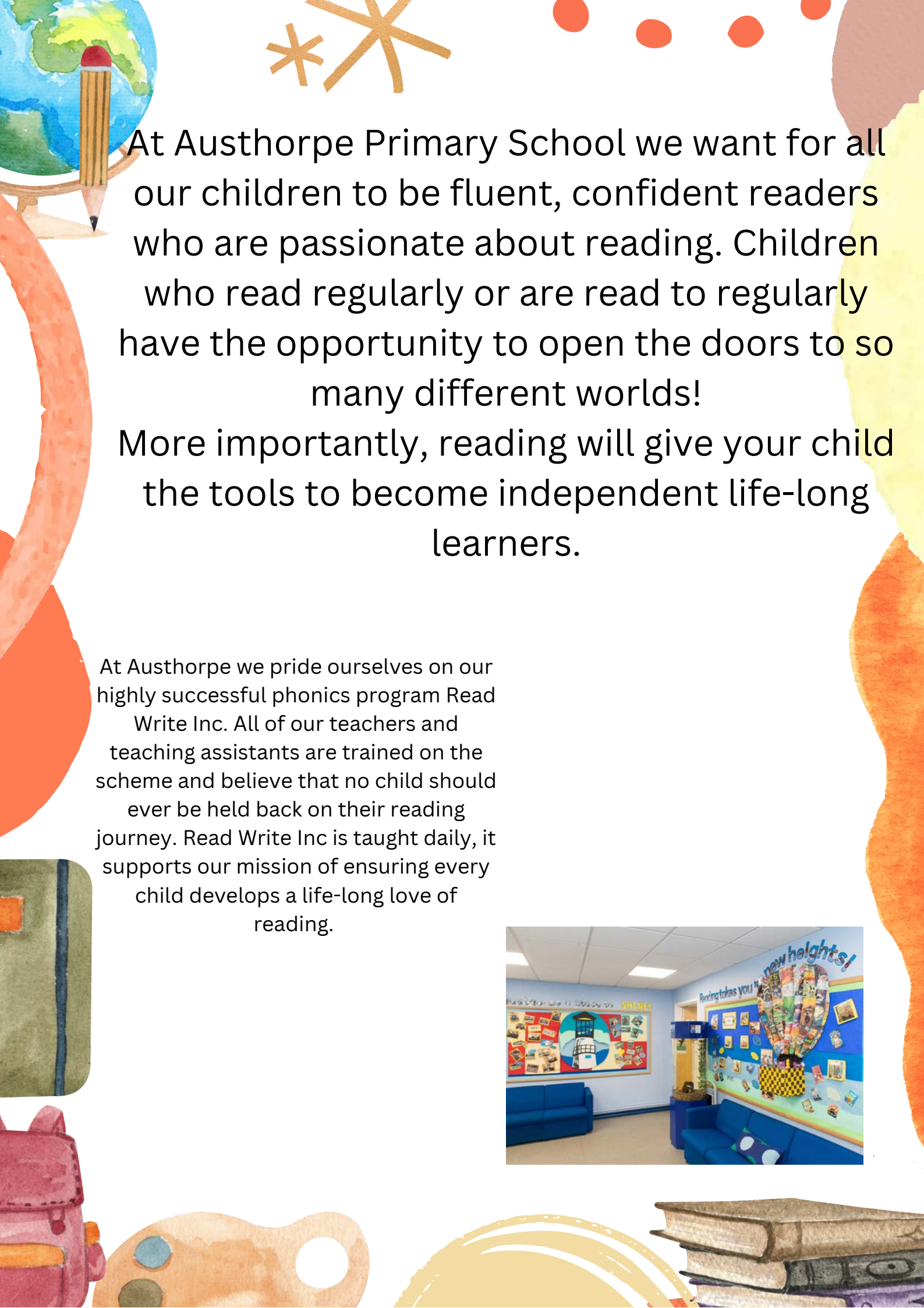




Early Reading at
Austhorpe Primary
School






At Austhorpe Primary School we want for all our children to be fluent, confident readers who are passionate about reading. Children who read regularly or are read to regularly have the opportunity to open the doors to so many different worlds!


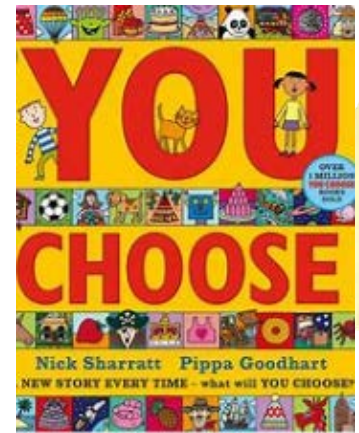
More importantly, reading will give your child the tools to become independent life-long learners.

At Austhorpe we pride ourselves on our highly successful phonics program Read Write Inc. All of our teachers and teaching assistants are trained on the scheme and believe that no child should ever be held back on their reading journey. Read Write Inc is taught daily, it supports our mission of ensuring every child develops a life-long love of reading.









Before the children begin their Early Years journey at Austhorpe, the team complete home visits in order to meet them. We gift each child with a book, which is used throughout the first half term. This ensures that every child has had the opportunity to access and become familiar with the same book. They are also provided with a school book bag.

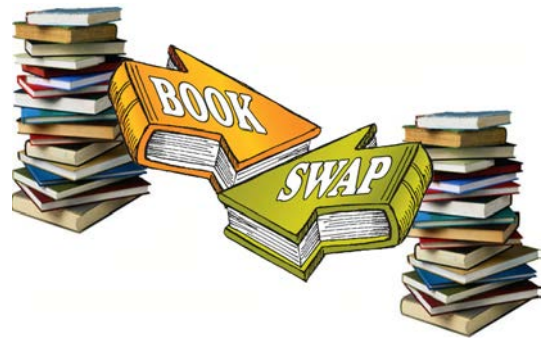


Our Early years curriculum has been planned with reading at the forefront. We have class texts which are shared throughout the year. Every topic is planned carefully around texts and covers a wide range of both fiction and non-fiction, we believe this enables the children to expand their knowledge of literacy, allowing for storytelling and knowing where to go to answer questions.


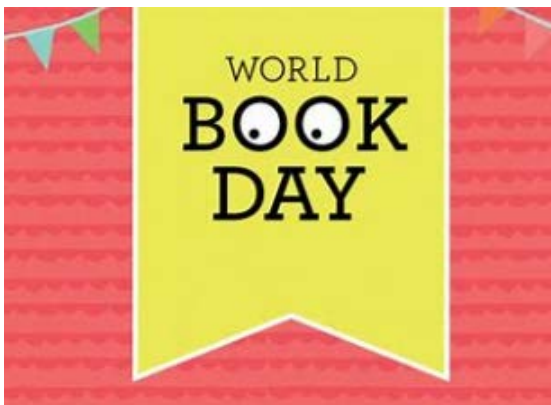








Every Friday morning before the school day we host a book exchange. This encourages children and families to bring a book that they have read and exchange it for another one. This is proving to be extremely popular, our Early Years children are often excited to choose a new book.




Every year, we celebrate World Book Day by inviting the children to dress up as their favourite character. The day is celebrated with a teachers vs students quiz which is watched by the whole school. Children take part in lots of activities to promote a love of reading.

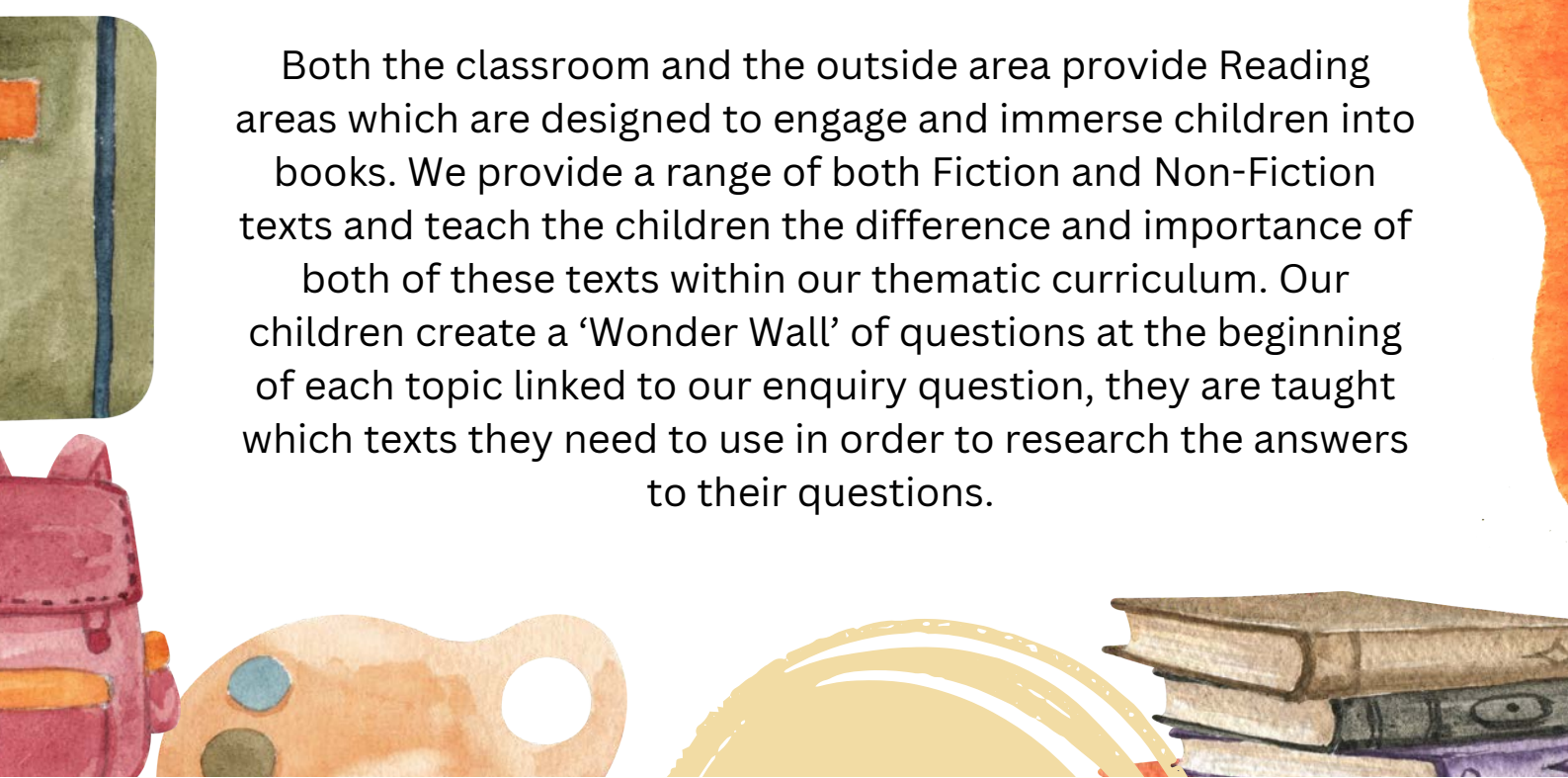


Part way through the Reception year we introduce "Secret Reader" we invite parents, carers, family members and people from the community to come and read to the children. The excitement of finding out who is reading today is amazing.





We believe that it is crucial for children to develop a life long love of reading and thrive on developing confident, fluent and independent readers. Reading underpins our curriculum at Austhorpe, as we understand that it is a life skill which unlocks opportunities for children to SHINE in all areas of the curriculum. We teach daily systematic phonics on a scheme called Read Write Inc, this starts in the first two weeks of Reception. Alongside this we believe that reading frequently to children, and engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems and providing them with opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts, will give our children the opportunity to thrive.



Both the classroom and the outside area provide Reading areas which are designed to engage and immerse children into books. We provide a range of both Fiction and Non-Fiction texts and teach the children the difference and importance of both of these texts within our thematic curriculum. Our children create a 'Wonder Wall' of questions at the beginning of each topic linked to our enquiry question, they are taught which texts they need to use in order to research the answers to their questions.



What Is Read Write Inc?

At Austhorpe Primary School we use the Read Write Inc (RWI) programme to get children off to a flying start with their literacy. RWI is a method of learning centred around letter sounds and phonics, and we use it to aid children with their reading and writing.

Reading opens the door to learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read more challenging material. A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns, the more he or she will want to find out.

Using RWI, the children learn to read effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into comprehending what they read. It also allows them to spell effortlessly so that they can put all their energy into composing what they write.

Read Write Inc was developed by Ruth Miskin and more information can be found at

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

More information can be found on the 'curriculum' section of the school website.





How will Read Write Inc be taught?

In Reception, all children will learn how to 'read' and 'write' all of the sounds in Set 1, (see image to the right) and then taught how to blend the sounds into words. We use Fred the frog to support the children in blending the sounds together in order to read. We use the phrase 'Fred Talk' to encourage the children to sound out words eg. C-a-t.

The children take part in Read Write Inc sessions at 9.15am every day. They are assessed half termly and new groups are set based on every child's individual ability. Read Write Inc is a phonics programme designed for children aged 4-7, at Austhorpe we are very lucky that every Early Years and key stage one teacher and all teaching assistants are fully trained, meaning that no child is ever held back.





How can you help at home?
We host a Read Write information evening during the first half term in Reception. Parents and carers are invited to attend in order to learn how to teach the sounds and understand the programme. All families are provided with a set of flash cards to encourage consolidating learning at home.

We encourage reading at home every day.

