

## **Phonics Implementation**

Pupils at St George's are taught phonics through the RWI programme. It is fast paced, rigorous and structured, which gives pupils the best possible start to their reading journey. Pupils are introduced to individual sounds and then blending with the aid of Fred the Frog, who helps them to break down and read words. 'Fred Talk, Read the Word'.

### **Year R**

Pupils begin learning individual sounds within the first two weeks of starting at St George's. RWI phonics is delivered daily to the pupils within a whole class, in which they are taught how to say, read and write one sound per day. As they progress, pupils are assessed daily and regrouped according to their progression through the programme. Any pupil who is not making rapid progress receives individual 1:1 RWI sessions within the same day. Pupils are re-assessed throughout the year to ensure gaps in learning are addressed promptly.

### **Year 1**

Pupils entering year 1 are already grouped and are ready to continue their phonics journey within the first week of the Autumn term. All pupils are assessed within this week to ensure that their groupings still reflect their phonic ability. Pupils receive daily RWI lessons within a small group with a focus on alien words, diagraphs and trigraphs, which the pupils understand as 'special friends'. Pupils focus on identifying these 'special friends' within alien and real words so that they can confidently 'Fred talk and read' any word. Pupils are re-assessed throughout the year to ensure gaps in learning are addressed promptly.

### **Year 2:**

All pupils who did not pass the Phonic Screening Check (PSC) continue with the RWI programme of study. They are re-grouped and taught alongside year 1 children who have been assessed and grouped, this ensures a continued fidelity to RWI and consistently in teaching and learning from year R to year 2.

### **Year 3 and 4**

Pupils who did not pass the PSC in year 2 continue their phonic learning in year 3. This will be within a group for reading, as well as daily 1:1 sessions.

Any pupils starting at St George's are assessed for phonics within the first week of their start date.