Phonics

At Alburgh and Denton Primary school we believe by teaching Phonics effectively, we enable children to discover a love of Reading.
To teach Phonics, we use the systematic synthetic programme 'Read Write Inc' This programme teaches children the sounds to be able to read. This starts during the children's first few weeks in Reception and continues throughout KS1 and beyond if needed.

What is Read Write Inc?

Read Write Inc. is a fully integrated reading and writing programme, firmly based in synthetic phonics. Synthetic phonics is simply the ability to convert a letter or letter group into sounds that are then blended together into a word. These words are embedded in our RWI story books so children can read books independently.

The 5 Principles

1. **Pace**

The children are carefully assessed then taught in small ability groups, with children participating fully throughout each session.

2. **Praise**

The children are praised regularly to help them gain confidence and develop a love of reading.

3. **Focused teaching**

Every activity has a clear purpose and high expectations are modelled by staff.

4. **100% participation**

Children work with a partner, teaching each other and sharing ideas so that every child is actively involved throughout every session.

5. **Love of reading**

Staff and children enjoy the lessons and share a passion for reading –
the greater the passion, faster the progress!

The Read Write Inc Programme:

Reading

- Children will learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letter/letter groups using simple picture prompts
- Learn to read words using sound blending (Fred talk)
- Read lively stories featuring words they have learnt to sound out
- Show they comprehend the stories by answering the 'find it' and 'prove it' discussion questions

Writing

- Children will write the letters/letter groups which represent the 44 sounds
- Learn to write words by saying the sounds and graphemes (Fred fingers)
- Learn to say and write simple and then more complex sentences
- Compose stories based on picture scripts
- Compose a range of texts using discussion prompts

For more parent information about Read Write Inc, please click on the links below to watch these video.

Parent video: What is Read Write Inc Phonics - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q