

PHONICS



INTENT STATEMENT

How pupils learn to read and spell words at Le Cateau...

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."
~ Fredrick Douglass



At Le Cateau, reading is at the very heart of our curriculum. We are committed to promoting a love of reading in English and the wider curriculum. Through phonics, our pupils learn to segment words to support their spelling ability and blend sounds to read words. We implement the Read Write Inc synthetic phonics programme to teach our children the core skills of segmenting and blending and to start them on their 'reading journey'.

KNOWLEDGE



PRACTICAL

The daily teaching of reading is integral to a child's understanding and appreciation of the world around them; a platform that allows our children to see beyond what they know, share in cultural experiences that develop & enrich the vocabulary they need to effectively express themselves. The teaching of phonics across EYFS, KS1 and into KS2 takes place daily and is high priority for all. We also understand the significance of parents and carers in supporting pupils to develop both word reading and comprehension skills so we have established a home-school partnership which enables parents and carers to have the confidence to support their children with reading at home.

EMOTIONAL



Pupils develop a love of reading and want to read for themselves. We make sure children develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read. We also foster a love of independent reading and build communities of engaged readers. The R.W.I sessions occur each day with no exceptions. This continuity and pace of the programme is key to accelerating the progress of children's reading development and allows them to see their own success.

INTELLECTUAL



Reading is the 'key' which unlocks lifelong learning, enhances wellbeing and mental health. Pupils at Le Cateau learn the 44 common sounds in the English language and how to blend them to read and spell. The use of pictures and memorable phrases is used to aid children's retention and recall of phonemes for reading and spelling. Children are given ample opportunities to orally explore characters' action, thoughts and feelings and to rehearse their writing. Phonics provides the foundations of learning that make the development into fluent reading and writing easier.

