

“It’s like a magic potion for learning to read”

Ark’s partnership with Ruth Miskin Training has been a phenomenal success. Ark schools achieve well above the national average in the phonics screening check. 93% of pupils passed in Year 1. Serena is the Reading Leader at Ark Globe Academy. She does not take a phonics class so she can oversee the programme. Serena spoke to us about...

The training

The training is very high quality. It is fast paced and necessary, interactive and practical. All materials are current and easy to use. It is easy to implement and useful for all who have access to it. The training has secured subject knowledge, which leads to secure phonic teaching.

The training ensures we understand learning to read from a child’s perspective, which is refreshing.

Change is often necessary to achieve our goals. Change happens through hard work, high expectations and evidence-driven approaches. *Read Write Inc.* has a structured approach, which embeds outstanding teaching

School Name: **Ark Globe Academy**

Location: **Southwark, London**

EAL: **39.6%**

Free school meals: **69.9%**

Pupils on roll: **1276 (all through)**

Ofsted rating: **Good**

of reading across all of our primary schools – our staff see the results and fall in love with programme on the training.

Her role – Reading Leader

As Reading Leader, I promote a passion for phonics and reading. I am the hub of a strong network of communication to ensure a consistent approach towards reading.

I read and analyse the data with our trainer termly and with our network lead every half term – with my team, we close those gaps.

The Reading Leader is there to see every child’s potential and make sure every child will learn to read. Whether this is through one-

to-one tuition or moving groups. The Reading Leader monitors assessments and grouping to ensure every child develops at a pace that is appropriate for them.

One-to-one tutoring

The biggest impact is on confidence for tutors and children. Children make rapid progress because they are excited to learn in a fun and interactive session with their tutor. Speech and language development is enhanced through high quality, well-paced sessions.

Positive reactions to Read Write Inc. Phonics

“Every child learns to read at Ark Globe - even me”

Hassan, Y3

I love Phonics”

Ebrar, Y1

We hold an initial Phonics Workshop to reassure anxious parents that their child WILL learn to read. By the end of Year 1, parents hug me - they cry with happiness and some are

in disbelief that yes, their child can read and is successful. At workshops parents who have older children at the school tell new parents “They do teach them to read here, they’ll make sure of it”. It’s like a magic potion for learning to read.

What would you say to other schools/academies considering adopting Read Write Inc. Phonics?

Do it! It will change your approach and thinking towards reading. Every child learns to read and we all become Reading Champions!



Year	National PSC Average	Ark PSC Average	Ark Globe Average
2014	74%	86%	100%
2015	77%	89%	100%
2016	81%	93%	97%
2017	81%	93%	98%