

# Proven junior literacy programmes



**Read Write Inc.**  
COMPREHENSION

**'The children's imaginations take off. They start to use sentences they would never have used before.'**

Literacy Coordinator,  
Whetstone Field Primary  
School, Walsall

*Developed by Ruth Miskin*

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# First steps to successful comprehension skills



**Read Write Inc. Comprehension** aims to get all your lower juniors to Level 3 by age 9, by taking children through, in clear steps, to improved comprehension, writing, vocabulary, speaking, critical thinking and grammar skills. The programme does this by ensuring children are taught all the higher order reading and writing skills in a logical and structured way.

## What is covered?

### Reading Skills

Sequencing of events, character type and motivation, building mind pictures, recognising the significance of key vocabulary in unlocking understanding.

### Writing Skills

Understanding sentence structure, character mapping, spelling, planning and composing skills, collecting and developing vocabulary and critical editing.

## The teaching sequence

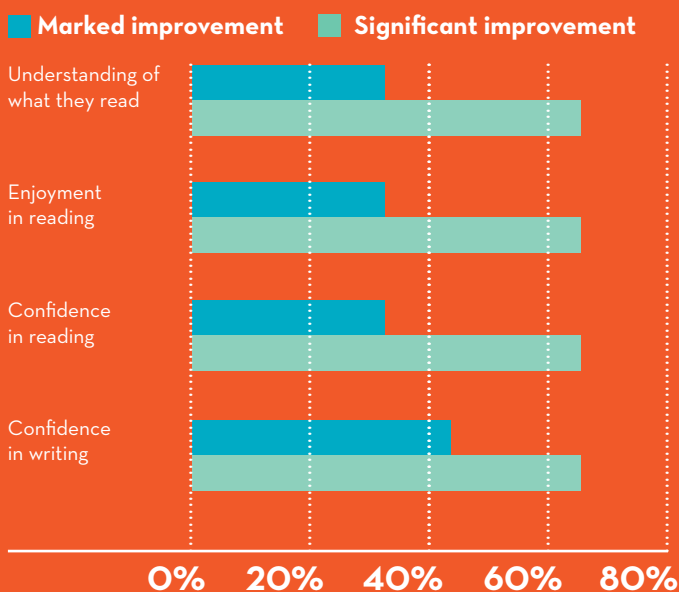


Starting with debate around an issue, the teacher uses a 'Big Question' to introduce the first reading of the linked text.

Children read and reread the text in pairs, and discuss the questions to talk about, enriching their vocabulary and understanding of what they read.

Structured activities support children's development. These include 'building a sentence', 'vocabulary catch', 'hold a sentence', spelling practise, drafting and redrafting.

## The impact on *Read Write Inc. Comprehension* on performance\*



To find out more about the impact of RWI Comprehension go to [www.oxfordprimary.co.uk](http://www.oxfordprimary.co.uk)

\*From a survey of *Read Write Inc. Schools* 2010.

# Next steps to outstanding literacy skills



**Read Write Inc. Comprehension Plus** aims to get all your juniors to a Level 5 by age 11. Suitable for all 9 to 11 year olds, the programme integrates reading, writing, thinking, listening and talking to ensure the development of a wide range of literacy skills.

## How does it work?

As with *Read Write Inc. Comprehension*, pupils learn to read with a deep level of understanding, and write with fluency and confidence. They build depth to their comprehension skills – and add greater sophistication

to their textual analysis and writing. They are taught to infer, summarise, question, predict, clarify and argue a point of view. Fiction is linked to non-fiction through a 'Big Question'.



At the heart of *Read Write Inc. Comprehension Plus* is enjoyment and engagement with a variety of complete texts by well-known authors. The fast pace of the programme means that children are constantly challenged and excited by what they are doing. Teacher modelling clarifies the writing process and the consistent use of partner work means that every child is totally engaged. Guided writing, drama activities, debate and the daily log all add to the children's enthusiastic response to the programme.

**'I really like the way the reading and writing is built up step-by-step and the clear guidance for teachers in terms of modelling is great.'** Deputy Head, Cadland Primary School, Hampshire

## The teaching sequence

**Reading for meaning**

Each complete text is read at three levels, showing how the author builds layers of meaning, giving children enriched understanding and vocabulary, and helping them become critical thinkers

**Talk for enrichment**

A daily 'Big Question' is used in this programme to ensure speaking, listening and debating skills are developed every day

**Reading to writing**

Writing is developed out of reading, as children are taken through clear structured and modelled steps - *read a story, build a story, write a story/non-fiction text*



*Ruth says...*

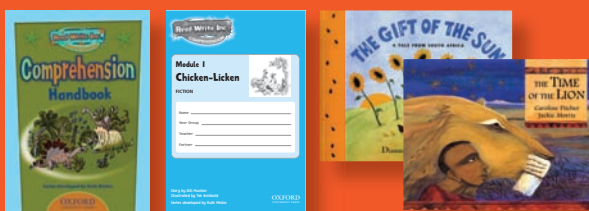
**I developed *Read Write Inc. Comprehension Plus* to give all children the best possible start with their literacy skills, which are so crucial for accessing the curriculum and going on to lifelong success with reading and writing.**

# Fully matched high quality resources



7-9 year olds

- **Teacher's Handbook**
- **30 weekly Modules**  
(14 with the complete text included)
- **16 real children's books**



9-11 year olds

- **Teacher's Handbooks** (one per year group)
- **Software** (one per year group)
- **Pupils' books** (one per year group)
- **Pupils' anthology** (one per year group)



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## Supportive training

All *Read Write Inc.* programmes are supported by inspiring training to ensure all your staff get the most from the programme. The comprehension training includes:

### Read Write Inc. Comprehension

- Organisation and grouping
- Reading activities:
  - The Big Question and introduction
  - Vocabulary check
  - Read and quick check – summarisation
  - Questions to talk about
  - Asking questions
  - Questions to write about
- Key words and mind pictures
- Writing activities:
  - Grapheme and spelling check
  - Vocabulary catch
  - Sentence build
  - Edit a sentence
  - Hold a sentence
  - Write a composition
  - Marking and assessment

### Read Write Inc. Comprehension Plus

- **Studying a text** (both fiction and non-fiction):  
Showing how the writer builds up layers of meaning and exploring the texts for deep comprehension.
- **Studying the text at three levels:**  
Modelling comprehension strategies in action and how writers use language for effect as well as developing children's vocabulary.
- **Writing fiction:** How to model the writing process to show how the story is built up and developing an example text to provide a model for the children's writing, including openings, characters, endings and settings.

Call Shona Gleave on 01275 331230 or email [shona@ruthmiskinliteracy.com](mailto:shona@ruthmiskinliteracy.com) to find out more about comprehension training.

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