



**Rosedale CE Infant School
Ruth Miskin Literacy – One Year On.**

Head Teacher's View

I heard Ruth talk at a head teachers briefing in Walsall a year ago and felt enthusiastic and excited by her literacy programme. (a rare feeling in this time of initiative overload – literacy hour; ELS; ALS; FLS; PIPS etc.) I was convinced that this was the way forward and in September we replaced the Literacy hour with Ruth's programme across the whole school. Now, nine months after starting I am more convinced than ever. We have highly motivated children who love literacy lessons, believe in themselves as readers and writers and use their 'Fred talk' confidently.

Our SATs results in reading and writing have risen by 20% at level 2B and 20% at level 3, with 100% children achieving level 2+ in reading and 98% in writing.

Staff are enthusiastic and confident that they are meeting the needs of all the children.

A Teacher's View

We have been doing Read Write Inc. since September 2003 and at first I thought 'Oh no, something else new! – nine months on I am a huge fan. After twelve years of teaching I was disillusioned and frustrated, particularly by the literacy hour. Ruth Miskin literacy not only empowers the children to read and write, it empowers the teachers to teach. The children are active in their learning, they read and write everyday and everyone achieves because it is at their level. Our children are making huge progress and I am really enjoying watching them switch on to reading and writing, to see them revelling in their achievements and being positive about themselves.

A Parent's View (Reception)

I am both amazed and proud of how well my child has learned reading and writing skills in such a short space of time. I wasn't prepared for it to happen so quickly! She is now attempting to read everything (using Fast Fred) and isn't put off by 'big words' – she will have a go at anything. We are looking forward to lots more reading together.

A Parents View (Year One)

My child is a very confident reader. She was always enthusiastic but in the last few months she has found the ability to pick up anything and tackle reading it – this has also been commented on at the 'book club' she attends. It is lovely to see the confidence, seeing her think "Oh I can read that" and not "Oh will that be too difficult for me" GREAT!

A Child's View

I love the books because of the stories and I love the spelling game. I like having a partner to help and I like speed reading. I can read and write better now.

