

Phonics Programme ay oi igh ee

At King Athelstan we teach children to read and write using phonics. Phonics is a way of matching the small units of sound in spoken English to the letters or groups of letters which represent that sound in writing.

As a school we follow the Ruth Miskin, Read Write Inc. (RWI) programme, which links every sound to a picture and a phrase to help the children remember it.

For example; the letters a and y, once joined together, make the sound 'ay' and the phrase we use to remember it is: 'May I play?'

RWI is taught explicitly from Reception to Year 2 to support the early stages of reading and spelling. As soon as children have completed the RWI phonics programme, they move on to learning alternative spelling rules and reading more complex texts.

