



Department: SEN-Ruth Miskin

What is Ruth Miskin?

Ruth Miskin teaches pupils to read accurately and fluently. It teaches them to spell correctly and compose their ideas for writing step-by-step. Pupils write every day, rehearsing out loud what they want to write, using their knowledge of the alphabetic code and the 'tricky' words they have learnt. They learn to write compositions based on their own experiences and ideas from the story, drawing upon new vocabulary and grammar.

KS3 Overview:

Pupils are taught the grapheme-phoneme correspondences in a clear sequence from the simple alphabetic code to phonemes with alternative graphemes. For each phoneme, pupils are taught to 'say it', 'read it', 'write it', using mnemonics and visual, auditory and kinaesthetic activities. Pupils learn to decode words by identifying the graphemes and blending the phonemes, through the word. Pupils learn the relationship between phonemes and graphemes and apply their increased phonic knowledge to reading the age-appropriate decodable texts and doing spelling and writing activities. Pupils learn to spell words by segmenting words into phonemes and that it is the opposite of blending.

How it's assessed:

Pupils work through modules which are marked weekly and are kept as a record of progress. Pupils are tested with a phonics based assessment at the end of each module.

Ruth Miskin Results

Pupils learn the English alphabetic code, the 150+ graphemes that represent 44 speech sounds. They experience success from the very beginning. Lively stories and non-fiction texts are both age appropriate and closely matched to their increasing knowledge of phonics and 'tricky' words and as pupils-read the texts, their fluency increases.