



## Our Phonics Leader



My name is Miss Spencer and I am Phonics Lead.

### **My passion/ personal experience with my subject:**

I have always loved reading and learning how to read. Ever since I was young, I can fondly remember enjoying lots of bedtime stories and hearing the different adventures that the characters went on or the fantastic places they went to. At primary school, I could not wait until I was given my first reading book to take home, I was so excited to read aloud my book to my parents. This has carried on into my adult life and I love reading to this day. I feel extremely passionate about Phonics and teaching children how to read and have a love of reading. 'Teach a child to read and keep that child reading and we will change everything...and I mean everything.'

### **Experiences in our school:**

All children at Red Lane learn to read using our daily Read Write Inc Phonics lessons. From the start of Reception they learn to identify sounds and practice blending in order to read words, this progress in Year 1 where they learn even more sounds and continue to read words with these new sounds in. By Year 2, the children will have learnt all the sounds they need to become fluent readers. Our children also take home books that they can share with adults and use their phonics to decode the words. They also take home a library book of their choice so that adults can read to them and foster that love of reading by sharing a bedtime story together.

### **Hopes and goals in my subject:**

My goal is that our Phonics curriculum affords each child the opportunity to become lifelong readers, 'every child can read in this school.' I hope that pupils have a real love of reading, immersing themselves in new worlds and identify with characters thoughts and feelings. Creating support for parents to help reading at home and what Phonics looks like at Red Lane is incredibly important and I am looking forward to working alongside parents with this.

I hope that every child at Red Lane has an opportunity to experience the awe and wonder that reading can provide, and that these would form memories which they will retain for life.

