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## An introduction for parents: ReadingWise Roald Dahl extracts

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Dear parent,

ReadingWise has been developing literacy programmes for over 8 years. We're proud of the work we do, and hope that our programme will support your child in growing confidence and independence in reading.

The programme is online.

### Key points

ReadingWise programmes are evidence based, combine individualised online learning with collaborative discussion and are simple and engaging to use.

- ◆ **Evidence** – research shows that online individual work partnered with collaborative discussion are a powerful combination. The ReadingWise sessions encompass both approaches.
- ◆ **Reading for Pleasure** – learners work with engaging, narrative text to develop their reading comprehension skills
- ◆ **Strategies** – the programme explicitly models key comprehension strategies, and these are applied to reading through an online tool kit. The groups of strategies are called 'Mega Skills'. Initially the learners should listen to the instructions from the 'Master' who explains the strategies and the navigation.
- ◆ **Independence** – learners work within a structured online framework, progressing to a more choice-based framework to encourage independent use of the strategies to their own independent reading.
- ◆ **Putting the strategies into practice** – the comprehension strategies are developed through the mega skills; these can be put into practice in the test extract which follows. 7/10 is the 'pass mark'.
- ◆ **Positive support** – we aim to help build a 'growth mindset' where children develop a 'can-do' attitude. Once the learner has completed an extract and the 'mega-skill' activities you could ask them about it. What happened? Describe the characters? How do you think the characters feel? What might happen next? Open questions offering the opportunity to share ideas.
- ◆ We hope that ReadingWise supports your child in developing their reading and literacy skills.

Yours sincerely,

The ReadingWise team