ReadingQuest

Programme overview for schools

At Quest for Learning, we align our programmes with the aims of the National Curriculum for English, ensuring that all pupils:

- **Read easily, fluently and with good understanding.**
- **Develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information.**
- **Acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language**

The National Curriculum in England 2014

Our ReadingQuest programme is specifically designed to support these goals. Through focused 1:2 sessions, ReadingQuest offers a highly tailored approach to help children falling behind in literacy. The programme engages children using high quality texts and a diverse range of strategies aimed at sparking a passion for reading and writing.

How are children selected for ReadingQuest?

School staff select pupils for ReadingQuest based on their specific needs. Typically, these pupils may have gaps in their literacy skills or face individual challenges such as:

- Low self-esteem or lack of confidence in reading and writing
- Below expected literacy levels, potentially due to extended absences
- English as an additional language
- Limited vocabulary
- Insecure grasp of phonics or issues with comprehension
- Limited or no support at home

ReadingQuest is most suitable for KS1 children who are not predicted to reach the expected level in reading without intervention.

What are the aims of ReadingQuest?

The programme is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- Improve pupils' reading skills at Key Stage 1 by building core strategies, including phonics, fluency, and attention to text structure and meaning.
- Enhance reading comprehension abilities.
- Engage pupils with meaningful writing, improving their ability to hear and record sounds in words.
- Boost self-esteem, confidence, and independence in learning.
- Cultivate a love of reading, encouraging pupils to express opinions and make informed choices.
- Strengthen family engagement in literacy learning.
- Improve motivation and foster a lifelong love for reading and writing.

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What impact can ReadingQuest have?

The programme has the proven potential to achieve:

- Increased excitement and engagement with reading and writing
- Enhanced confidence in learning
- Significant improvement in reading skills, including the use of a wide range of reading strategies
- Greater ability to comprehend and express ideas about their reading material
- Development of personal opinions and preferences around reading content

How is the programme structured?

- **Session duration:** 30-minute lessons, twice a week for 10 weeks, in small groups (1:2).
- **Qualified tutors:** Sessions are led by qualified teachers and experienced education professionals.
- **Assessment:** Pupils are assessed at the start and end of the programme, focusing on reading accuracy and comprehension.
- **Book selection & lesson planning:** Tutors, using their expertise, collaboratively choose books and plan targeted phonics activities, writing tasks, and discussion questions. Sessions may cover one or more books, depending on the pupils' abilities and the complexity of the text.
- **Home 'Quests':** Pupils are assigned simple literacy-based activities to complete at home.
- **Parental engagement:** Parents/carers are invited to participate in at least one session. Regular updates are provided by the tutor, including suggestions for supporting their child's progress with 'Quests'.
- **End-of-programme reports:** Each pupil receives a detailed report summarising the progress made, and next steps.

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