

Literacy and Numeracy Catch Up Premium Plan 2017-2018

The aim of this additional funding is to provide support to ensure students exceed expected levels of progress to enable them to access the curriculum at a level that is similar to the average of their peers.

The Reading School

In order to increase the reading and comprehension skills and the vocabulary of the students an increased range of texts will be purchased. This will be individual readers (based in the school library) and also class room readers (sets of 30 texts). This will encourage students to read independently.

Star Reader

This is an on line test that identifies the reading age of a student through testing vocabulary acquisition and comprehension.

Accelerated Reader

This is a computer programme that helps teachers manage and monitor student's independent reading practice. A student selects a book appropriate to their reading level and once read, completes a short quiz about the book on the computer. Passing the test indicates the student has understood what they have read. This also gives the teacher feedback based on the quiz results to enable effective target setting for the student.

Toe by Toe (literacy support)

The Toe by Toe programme is designed for students who find reading a particular challenge. Toe by Toe is a book designed for students who find reading difficult, in particular weak readers and those who struggle to decode work or have dyslexic difficulties.

This will be delivered by teachers and teaching assistants in 3 blocks of 30 minutes each week.

Power of 2 (numeracy support)

The Power of 2 programme enables students to make additional progress with their maths. The book is a coaching manual which teaching assistants use to deliver individual support for students whose numeracy requires additional focus. It teaches all the mental maths required by the Mathematics curriculum and enables students to access it fully. It puts in place the building blocks of number and developing skills with mental calculations.

E-Support

The purchase of Kindle readers will be investigated. This will allow the following:

- Books to be downloaded to be read as a class or individually.

- Access to the star reader and accelerated reader tests.
- Enable the student to check on their own progress immediately which should increase their motivation to improve.
- Access to literature to support vocabulary acquisition in each curriculum area
- Access to numeracy support packages.

Teaching Assistants

Teaching assistants will have a focus on literacy and numeracy support in lessons and in focussed enrichment sessions. Catch up funding will support with this.