



ENGLISH HUBS' AUDIT

School:
Supporting English Hub:
Name of auditor:
OFSTED:
SSP:
Previous funding:

URN:
% PP:
Date:

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Matched to EIF and Challenge Checklist

Green= strong; Yellow= some development required; Red = significant development required

A. Teach with fidelity to an SSP programme

'The school's phonics programme matches or exceeds the expectations of the national curriculum and the early learning goals. The school has clear expectations of pupils' phonics progress term-by-term, from Reception to Year 2.' SIH 2024

The leadership team ensure that:
1. Sufficient time is given to teaching phonics, reading and writing. 2. All teachers and TAs understand and teach the chosen SSP programme confidently. 3. Correct resources are particular to the adopted SSP programme. 4. Phonics is taught in a quiet place to help pupils focus. 5. Children are taught to: • form letters correctly whilst sitting on chairs at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly • spell words containing each of the 40+ GPCs already taught and common exception words • write dictated sentences with known sound-letter correspondences 6. There are clear term-by-term expectations of progress from Reception to Y2 and pace is maintained. 7. Pupils' letter-sound knowledge and word reading is assessed every term /half term. 8. The SSP programme is continued until pupils can read fluently. 9. Parents are informed of what is taught and how they could provide extra practice to develop fluency; how the school will provide extra practice to prevent serious problems developing.
Comment:
Action:

B. Make a strong start in Reception

'Reading, including the teaching of systematic, synthetic phonics, is taught from the beginning of Reception' SIH 2024

Reception teachers:
1. Timetable daily SSP lessons from September. 2. Ensure that sufficient time is given to the teaching of phonics, reading and writing. 3. Follow the same SSP programme as Y1 and 2. 4. Identify pupils who are falling behind, in their first few weeks in school. 5. Ensure extra practice matches the school's SSP programme. 6. Ensure all pupils sit where they can see the teacher and resources during SSP lessons. 7. Set up frequent meetings to show parents how to help their children practise reading sounds and words at home. 8. Give children practice in applying phonics in their writing ensuring that complex written tasks are not introduced too early. 9. Ensure pupils are given enough time to practice becoming fluent with transcription.
Comments: Actions:

C. Ensure cumulative progression of sounds and books

'The sequence of reading books shows a cumulative progression in phonics knowledge that is matched closely to the school's phonics programme. Teachers give pupils sufficient practice in reading and re-reading books that match the grapheme-phoneme correspondences they know, both at school and at home.' SIH 2024

The leadership team ensure that:
1. Decodable reading books are organised in the given sequence in their chosen SSP programme i.e. reading books build letter-sound correspondences cumulatively. (Books are <i>not</i> sorted by traditional 'Book-Banding' criteria based on a mix of methods) 2. Pupils are <i>not</i> asked to read books that require them to guess words or deduce meaning from pictures, grammar or context clues, or taught words using whole word recognition 3. Pupils re-read these texts/books at school and home to build fluency 4. Pupils continue to read books in a progressive sequence until they can decode unfamiliar words confidently. 5. Parents know how to increase their children's fluency in reading sounds, words and books 6. Parents understand the difference between stories to share and stories that children read aloud

Comments:

Actions:

D. Build a team of expert reading teachers

'The school has developed sufficient expertise in the teaching of phonics and reading.' SIH para 2024
'Build a team of expert reading teachers who know and understand the processes that underpin learning to read, and draw on expert training, practice, and coaching to achieve this.' Reading Framework 2023

The reading leader:

1. Has expertise in teaching phonics
2. Has dedicated time to fulfil the role
3. Ensures all grades of leadership, teachers and teaching assistants attend the SSP provider's training
4. Ensures that SSP training is provided for new staff
5. Practises with and coaches reading teachers and TAs frequently
6. Coaches reading teachers who support pupils who have fallen behind
7. Organise regular progress meetings.

Comments:

Actions:

E. Reach the lowest 20% pupils

'The ongoing assessment of pupils' phonics progress is sufficiently frequent and detailed to identify any pupil who is falling behind the programme's pace. If they do fall behind, targeted support is given immediately.' SIH 2024

The headteacher and reading leader:

1. Ensures SSP lessons are of the highest standard to reduce the number of pupils who need extra support.
2. Uses the programme's SSP assessment to identify immediately pupils falling behind .
3. Organises extra daily practice for pupils falling behind, following the school's SSP programme.
4. Provides regular CPD for teachers to support pupils falling behind.
5. Fast tracks late-entry pupils- the school has very few late-entry pupils.



6. Engages the support of parents, where appropriate.

Comments:

Actions:

F. Build talking and listening into all activities across the whole day

(Not EIF)

'High quality adult-child interactions are important and sometimes described as talking with children rather than just talking to children. Adults have a vital role to play in modelling effective language and communication.' EEF Preparing for Literacy, June 2018

Teachers

1. Identify pupils with delayed language and organise frequent one-to-one and small group discussion.
2. Have establish a clearly defined curriculum that extends children's language and vocabulary in each of the Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning and in Year 1 for each subject.
3. Ensure there is a language-rich environment in which adults talk to children throughout the day
4. Teach pupils to follow expectations for discussion including: listening behaviours; routines for talking with a partner; routines for giving feedback to the group.

Comments:

Actions:

G. Develop pupils' listening comprehension and language by reading aloud and talking about stories, poems and non-fiction books

'Stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction are chosen for reading to develop pupils' vocabulary, language comprehension and love of reading. Pupils are familiar with and enjoy listening to a wide range of stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction.' SIH 2024

Teachers

1. Timetable a daily 20-minute storytime.
2. Read aloud quality stories, poems and non-fiction books, re-reading and talking about them to build familiarity and understanding.
3. Organise appealing book corners that containing high quality, diverse texts that reflect children's realities & include children's favourite books.
4. Show parents how to read aloud and talk about stories with their children and send home quality books.

Comments

Actions:

Summary of A to G

The school is determined that every pupil will learn to read, regardless of their background, needs or abilities. All pupils, including the weakest readers, make sufficient progress to meet or exceed age-related expectations. SIH p87: 260

The headteacher can explain how:

1. The SSP programme ensures success for *all* pupils, particularly the lowest 20%.
2. Reading is fundamental to the progress of pupils.
 reading is taught from Reception, Year 1 and 2;
 - Y1 pupils will meet the requirements of the PSC.
 - how all pupils are supported until they can read fluently.
3. How staff work as a team to ensure the elements in A to G are embedded in the school.

Actions:

The auditor has identified the following resources and training which the school would benefit from:

y/n

Able to match fund.

Please follow the steps on the flowchart attached to access funding.

Quotes for resources should be emailed to Vanessa Morley: vmorley@kernowenglishhub.co.uk to get approval before being purchased.

Please note that after the Literacy Specialist has returned the completed audit report, schools will have 4 weeks to submit invoices for payment to the Kernow English Hub.



Funding Criteria – see below – which criteria applies to your school?

• Primary schools with lower than average PSC scores for disadvantaged pupils. Schools with the lowest phonics scores for disadvantaged pupils. • Primary schools where the bottom 20% of children are not on course to reach the expected standard (indicated through regular phonics assessment in school).
• Primary schools with a lower than average percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in the Phonics Screening Check (80 % met the expected standard in 2024).
• Primary schools with a higher than average proportion of children eligible for pupil premium (for 2024/25 the deprivation pupil premium national average for primary schools was 24.8% 2023/24 the pupil premium national average is 28.4%).
• Previous partner schools who last received intensive support two or more years ago, who have experienced significant systemic change since leaving the programme and who have failed to realise and/or maintain improvement in PSC scores. • Primary schools with a high proportion of groups considered hard to reach such as EAL, FSM, travellers.
• Schools referred by local partners (e.g. RISE, NLEs, RSCs, LAs).
• Primary schools where standards in phonics are identified as areas for development through Ofsted inspection findings. • Primary schools where there is a risk of declining standards in phonics.