

Reading and Writing Support and Motivation

Every term we watch our students achieve fantastic results through our lessons. There is nothing more satisfying than watching a young reader put their first word or sentence together, suddenly recognize a difficult word or write a little memo home to mummy!

Using a blend of sounds, catchy rhymes, hand signs and mental prompts we can get your child's attention and convince them that learning to read and write is a lot of fun!

Assessments

Before your child joins one of our Reading Support/Phonics programmes we assess their current level in a trial lesson.

Learning to read and write is a process that can take many years but when your child feels that they are making great progress the process speeds up! We recognize the many stages and have designed courses that will help move your child on to the next challenge, whilst ensuring they have fully understood all that they have already learned.

These are our courses for the autumn term (please click on links for details):

ABCs with Cookery (16months – 3 years)

Although this class does not sound like a reading/writing lesson this class provides exactly what our youngest learners need to develop a keen interest in their alphabet! Through a wonderful range of cookery projects they learn to sound out letters and the alphabet features throughout the sessions.

Pre-Phonics (16mths – 3 yrs)

Letter sounds and alphabet recognition for very early readers. This class is a great deal of fun and includes art projects and games to maximize small children's will to learn.

Phonics (3 – 5 yrs)

Our standard phonics course provides children with the foundation for reading and recognizing many words. This is a lively course with lots of unique features, puppets and wonderful materials to help enthral your new reader.

Advanced Phonics (4 – 7 yrs)

This ongoing course is for children who are already reading – they can recognize many whole words (small/regularly used words) and are beginning to work through basic books with assistance. We help with their vocabulary, word recognition and begin their 'phonic blends', which are patterns or letters joined/read together.

Word Wizards and Word Explorers (4 – 7 yrs)

Whilst 'Advanced Phonics' works as a learning support programme for all the basic reading principles for the 4-7 age groups, the 'Wizards and Explorers' workshops target specific areas of learning difficulty.

There are certain concepts in reading the English language that children can get stuck on (we call these 'Tricky Words/Phonics') and we have amazing success with these fun lessons as they teach the children useful tools to get over learning hurdles. Both groups are taught with fun themes and lessons are delivered in a very appealing way, to grab the students' interest!

The Writing Circle (3 – 7 years)

Whilst the classes above target mainly reading skills, our writing circle looks at all aspects of writing for beginners and early writers. All teachers agree that within a regular school day there is little time to spend on writing alone, and unfortunately it gets forgotten until later years. This class helps children to develop the motor skills needed to handle their pen/pencil, and is firm start to encourage them to put words down on paper.

Please take time to look at the course descriptions that appeal to you contact us to book a trial/assessment, or for more information.