Phonics

The Science and Teaching of Systematic Synthetic Phonics

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Phonics: Sound/Spelling correspondence

Teaching the 'whole word' is inefficient

Cueing systems (context/picture clues) is ineffective

All readers have a solid comprehension of phonics but may not have been taught systematically

Top Down/Bottom Up

Top Down

Starts with the words, segments and analyses, looking for links and patterns

Bottom Up

Starts with the phonemes and builds up words, blending

This grapheme 'makes this sound'

No grapheme makes any sound! They are silent!

Some graphemes represent multiple phonemes.

Avoid talking about 'silent' letters.

All words are decodable. .

Interventions

- Lowest 20% need more phonics – follow the TWINKL intervention packs for continuity.

- Phoneme deletion and substitution:
  - If I take the word 'glass', what would it sound like if I replaced the <l> with an ,<r>?
  - What if I deleted the <l>?

  - This can be done orally or with written clues.

Tricky Words

'Tricky Words' or 'Words that are not decodable' are misnomers:

ALL words are decodable

Naming the words, 'tricky' leads the child to think they are hard.

Tricky words are just words which you haven't yet been taught to decode.

Phonics Sessions

More decoding and encoding!

More segmenting and blending

- (CVC, VCC, CCVC, CVCC, CCCVC, CCVCC, CVCCC) before moving on.

Do not teach 'non' words until they are preparing for Phonics test.

Resources need to be consistent.

Are we all following the TWINKL lesson structure?

- Review, Teach, Practise, Apply, Assess

Reading Books

All books are 'decodable': all words are 'decodable'

Books are 'Phonically Controlled'

After a child has been reading for 2 years, gradually introduce less controlled books, to enable transition.

2 books to take home: Phonically Controlled – to be read BY the child

Other books – to be read TO the child

Using Twinkl:

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