

2016-17: Literacy Catch-up Premium

47 students (39% of cohort) have been identified with a score of below 100 in the KS2 Reading SATs paper, 17 (36% of the above 47) of these students were in receipt of the pupil premium grant. These students did not meet the standard in reading and have been targeted through the catch up funding.

However, in addition to these students, 58% of the cohort is below their expected reading age and therefore all students are involved in the STAR Reading programme.

In addition to using the Key Stage 2 score as the standard we also use the STAR Reading Assessment (below a score of 95). This provides a Normed Referenced Standardised Score (NRSS) and together with teacher assessment and Doodle we aim to ensure that those students truly in need of additional support are identified and in receipt of targeted and personalised support.

Literacy Catch-up Strategy

1. Good teaching and learning every day, in every lesson.
2. Training for teachers to support the development of literacy across the curriculum.
3. Revised KS3 and KS4 curriculum to enable students to develop the skills that they will need in the new GCSE course.
4. Additional English lesson in Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11.
5. Year 7 library lesson every week.
6. Literacy focus as part of the PSE programme from Years 7-11 every Tuesday morning.
7. Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading Assessment to enable students to make an informed choice about the level of reading books that they should be reading.
8. Literacy Teaching Assistant to support in lessons and provide 1:1 and small group teaching.
9. 1:1 reading mentors.
10. Literacy intervention provided by our trained Teaching Assistants and /or teachers depending of need.
11. Whole school literacy policy incorporating 'Word of the Week' and Literacy Focus.
12. Reading for pleasure drive across the school.

Impact of the Literacy Catch-up Strategy: July 2017

The impact of the strategy will be evaluated at the end of July using the Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading Assessment. A student that has caught up will have a reached the expected score will be deemed to have caught up.

