

SEPTEMBER 2023

A note from our Hub Lead Hayley Pyrah

Welcome to the new academic year. As we move into the autumn term we are excited to share with you our 2023 calendar full of inspiring courses, events and networking opportunities. Over the coming months we will have lots of top tips to help to ensure your pupils make the best possible progress. Have a look at the spotlight article in this newsletter about our upcoming event with Kirstie Page. Don't forget that if you would like to chat with myself or one of the team please do contact us. We are here to help all schools, even if you haven't contacted us before.

Finally, a reminder to check out our fabulous social media pages, where you can comment on what we are up to and let us know about your literacy adventures!





Meet Our New Auditor

Erin King





Erin is currently reading letters from the lighthouse by Emma Carroll

Having graduated with a First Class Degree in Primary Education at Northampton University, I am currently in my sixth year of Primary teaching, enjoying my creative class of Year 6s.

I am incredibly passionate about reading - in particular Early Reading, phonics and instilling a love of reading in all children - and love to explore challenging, diverse and inclusive texts with all year groups.

Having previously trained at drama school at the age of 18, I love to use creative and practical methods when engaging children in learning.

October Dates

4th Graduated Schools Session 1

10th Time with a Literacy Specialist

11th Early Language Engagement Event with Kirstie Page

19th Understanding the Reading Framework

19th Developing the Teaching of Vocabulary

How can we help your school

The English Hub is here to offer help and support with your schools literacy program. we are able to work with your school in many different ways.

From online events open to all, through to mentoring and Literacy Specialist days for schools who wish to engage with us on a deeper level. We have something for every school. Schools completing an audit can access free funding towards training, resources and mentoring. Even if you haven't enquired before we are here to answer you questions. To enquire phone, email or go to the website.

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Embedding Interventions into Interactions

We are delighted for Kirstie Page to be joining us as a keynote speaker to our first online Engagement Event. Kirstie is an experienced and extremely knowledgeable speech, language and early literacy consultant. After teaching and specialising in Early Years; she now works with schools, English Hubs, Local Authorities, MATs and EY settings.

11th October

Within this session, we will explore the concept of 'Skill Flow' as we consider children who are not meeting age-related expectations with Speech, Language and Communication Development. By asking ourselves key diagnostic questions, we can begin to identify the main skill gap which is acting as a barrier for each child.

9:30-12:00

Transforming Your Schools Reading Culture

Evidence-based leadership CPD for primary English leaders and senior leaders.

Delegates must attend all sessions Time: 9.30am - 12pm

A truly fantastic course, I recommend this to every school!

7th November 2023

5th December 2023

30th January 2024

24th April 2024

12th June 2024

Engagement Events

We are excited to be hosting a number of engagement events this year, held at various venues. They focus on oracy, reading for pleasure, phonics and early reading. These events are free on open to all with a limited number of places available.

Be sure to save the date. Book online through the link on our website or contact us for further information.

16th Feb Engagement Event online

29th Nov Neil Griffiths, Discovery Centre Luton

8th May Reading for Pleasure, Leicester

17th Jan Early Reading, Roade Primary School

24th April Early Reading, Roade Primary School





When Women Were Dragons by Kelly Barnhill

The Hub team are delighted to welcome a new administrator to the team. Hannah says, "My love of books and passion for reading started at a very young age when my mum would read to us as a family.

I'm rarely without my current read tucked away in my bag for any quiet currently reading moment, I love sharing the pleasure of reading with my two daughters and introducing them to books I read as a little girl as well as exploring new authors together.."

Early Language Development

28th September 2023

9th November 2023

11th January 2024

7th March 2024

16th March 2024

Delegates must attend all sessions Time: 9.30am - 12pm

"Lots of fantastic background" information, practical assessments and strategies for implementing change also shared".

A research and evidence based training course that focuses on promoting and maximising language development.



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