What is reading?

'I define reading as a message getting, problemsolving activity, which increases in power and flexibility the more it is practised'

Marie M Clay, 1991- Becoming Literate: the Construction of Inner Control

BoostingReading@Primary is designed to improve the use of reading strategies and develop understanding; it enables children to become successful, independent readers who read with enjoyment.

To find out more, or request order details...

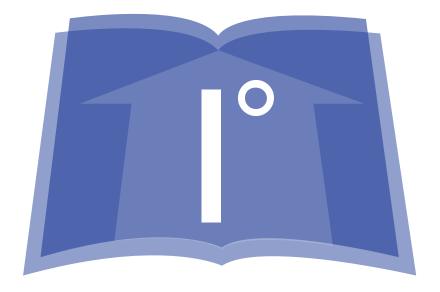
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Education Works Ltd

Strong reading skills are a key to learning in all areas of the curriculum. For many primary school children, reading can be a mechanical process, lacking in meaning. Children often lack motivation to read and are unable to problem-solve words independently

BoostingReading@Primary programme supports the acquisition of good reading skills and is specifically designed to improve the way children read, enabling them to be independent problem-solvers who read with understanding and enjoyment.

BoostingReading@Primary is a 10 week intervention programme delivered one-to-one, by a trained adult three times a week. Each session lasts 15 minutes and includes:

- · Practising independent reading skills on familiar texts
- Ongoing assessment
- Working on unfamiliar text with support, leading to independence and understanding



The training course which can be delivered as a series of modules, or over two days is designed for Teaching Assistants, Learning Mentors or school based volunteers.

The training provides a good mix of teaching, discussion and activities to practise skills and develop understanding.

It includes:

- Observation of two lessons
- Understanding the reading process
- Developing question skills
- Assessment and close observation techniques



The training and materials have been designed so that **BoostingReading@Primary** can be delivered confidently and easily by the trained adult. The programme also enhances their skills and confidence in supporting literacy effectively, in the class room.

BoostingReading@Primary has been redeveloped by Jan Hilditch, a literacy consultant for Education Works in conjunction with other colleagues.

BoostingReading@Primary is recognised as an effective intervention by the European Centre for Reading Recovery at the Institute of Education, University of London, and is included in Every Child a Reader