

Newsletter No2

for English Subject Leaders

Welcome to the second newsletter for Literacy Subject Leaders. We aim to produce a newsletter on a regular basis to ensure that you are kept up to date with new information and publications. Previous newsletters are available to download from the Literacy website (<http://www.norfolkesinet.org.uk>)

The website is the best way for us to keep in touch with you. Every new publication is highlighted on the front page of the site, so try to check in once a term to ensure you are aware of any new information. Any new additions to the site are also highlighted on ecourier.

Sir Kit has arrived!

The literacy support materials for Y3 will be available to order from Prolog from 28 March. This intervention program, designed for use in Year 3 for pupils at risk of underachievement, is the “replacement” for ALS. It is based on the adventures of Sir Kit, an inept knight, who is sent on a mission to retrieve the treasure from the dragon’s cave on Dragon Island. The program develops skills in Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing, and moves children from level 2c to level 2a over the course of 16 weeks. A set book list is provided with the materials in order to run the program. The materials consist of detailed sessions designed for use by Teaching Assistants working in close partnership with class teachers, together with guidance on implementation and pupil progress tracking.

Year 3 Literacy support materials DfES Ref: 00042-2007FLR-EN – Sir Kit’s Quest

One copy of the the file will be available for each school, so order your copy now.

Renewed Literacy Framework

Many of you will already have attended training for the renewed framework.

Day 1, with the numeracy subject leader, looks at basic navigation of the site.

Day 2, just for literacy subject leaders, looks in more depth at how to implement the framework in school.

Both days require delegates to bring a laptop, and there is a gap task between Day 1 and Day 2.

There is also a subject leader DVD, which can be ordered from the DfES, to support implementing the framework in school.

Ref: 02009-2006DVD-EN

However you choose to implement the renewed framework, consider how it can most support your SIDP, and how you will monitor the impact of the renewed framework on standards for all, or for groups of, children.

The planning tool is also expected around April time, and will allow teachers to cut and paste information to create a plan.

Training Dates

Training dates for all courses, including the Framework and the DCLL Rose Review training, can be found in the coloured “Band booklet” which was sent to all schools in the autumn term 2006.

Helping Children to Achieve Age related Expectations.

This tool kit had been produced by the DfES to support schools in ensuring children reach their full potential. The materials contained within the kit look at key actions that will help to ensure children meet age-related expectations. The materials are linked through the renewed literacy framework, and a CD Rom has been sent to all schools this term.

Image Bank

A group of Norfolk schools is currently working on a project about improving writing. One of the outcomes of this project will be an image bank of non-copyright images. These images, covering areas such as woodland, doors, beach scenes etc, could be used to support writing in all areas of the curriculum. This bank of images will hopefully be added to the Esinet site. If you have any images that could be added to this resource then please contact the literacy team at the Professional Development Centre.

FLS and ELS

FLS is due to be updated in the Summer Term 07 so that it is inline with the renewed frameworks. Paper versions of the booklets will continue to be available from Harcourt publishers.

ELS will be similarly updated in Autumn 07. A flyer outlining the changes is available: Ref:00064 2007 LEF-En

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Film summaries

There are a number of suggestions for using film to promote writing within the renewed framework. To support teachers further with the use of film, a number of summaries of commercial films, such as Shrek and Ice Age, have been published on Esinet, together with suggestions about the area of literacy they would best support. This resource will continue to grow over time.

Playing With Sounds

The replacement for Playing with Sounds will be available in early May. Five copies will automatically be sent to each school. It has no name as yet, so watch this space...!

New Website

Have you seen the new **Myths and Legends** website from E2BN? It contains lots of examples of local and national myths and legends, and provides an audience for children to create their own myths too. <http://myths.e2bn.net/>

Guided Reading in KS2

The second edition of this text is now available, and contains suggested lessons plans for guided reading sessions, as well as an updated comprehensive booklist for all year groups.

Order from the London Institute
www.ioe.ac.uk