



ROADE ENGLISH HUB NEWSLETTER

What has Roade English Hub been up to...

Since returning in September we have been full steam ahead! The hub has engaged with 47 new schools across our area, 26 schools have attended showcases so far with more showcases still to take place. Our fantastic team of literacy specialists have conducted 14 audits with schools that have been eligible for our support at a medium level and our partner schools between them have received 39 visits so far...

The hub has been very excited to work with the DfE in rolling out our Transforming a Schools Reading Culture programme to eligible schools which is primarily based on the research of Teresa Cremin and reading for pleasure. This has been very well received by the schools attending with very positive feedback after the first session. There will be 4 more sessions across the rest of the year.

As part of the english hub offer for schools in our are we have offered schools a large selection of workshops and workgroups. Some of these have already taken place but please have a look at the events section to see what we have coming up over the year!

English Hub Events 2021/22

Online Events

Leading phonics for excellence
25th November 2021

Achieving improved parental
engagement
3rd February 2022 – 3.30pm

Developing a reading team
24th March 2022 – 3.30pm

Creating a purposeful reading
environment
31st March 2022 – 3.30pm

Developing the teaching of
vocabulary
12th May 2022 – 3.30pm

Developing fluency in KS2
9th June 2022 – 3.30pm

Face to Face Events

Resource Drop in Session
12th January 2022 – 1pm-5pm

Smaller Schools Workshop
26th May 2022 – 3.30pm

Larger Schools Workshop
23rd June 2022 – 3.30pm

Free Phonics and Early Reading Training

1st December 2021 (In Person)
9am-12pm

1st December 2021 (Virtual)
1.30pm-3.30pm

12th January 2022 (In Person)
9am-12pm

To book, visit –

[https://www.roadeenglishhub.co.uk/
our-courses-and-events/](https://www.roadeenglishhub.co.uk/our-courses-and-events/)

Accelerator Hubs Have Arrived

Roade English Hub is one of the 15 hubs selected to deliver the accelerator fund. £5 million has been allocated to the English Hubs Programme to allow hubs to fund at least 675 eligible schools to purchase new SSP programmes. If you're in one of these areas Amber Valley, Ashfield, Barnsley, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Coventry, Derby, Doncaster, East Lindsey, Erewash, Fenland, Ipswich, Leicester, Mansfield, Nottingham, Rotherham, Sandwell, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent or Wolverhampton and have a pupil premium of 22% or more contact englishhub@learnersfirst.org to see if you're eligible for this additional funding.

The Reading Framework

Roade English Hub is excited to be running webinars on the newly released Reading Framework. The keys aims of the webinars are

- Set out some of the research underpinning the importance of developing talk, stories and SSP
- Provide practical support for high-quality reading teaching
- Support schools to evaluate their teaching of early reading
- Explain the importance of systematic phonics for older pupils at risk of failing to learn to read
- Support schools working with parents to help their children learn to read

Aligns with Ofsted's Education Inspection Framework

Dates will be released shortly and advertised so please keep an eye out.

We will also be publishing our top tips from the Reading Framework on social media so look out for these too!



Meet the Team –

Mark Currell - Mark is the Roade English Hub's Strategic Lead and Head Teacher at Roade Primary School.

Favourite Book – The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Allen. It really is genius! So much of it is relevant and true, beautifully observed, and written and funny and...I could go on!

Favourite Poem – I love anything by Dylan Thomas – his poems are special to my family (we especially love Under Milk Wood, it is simply beautiful, and it is a wonderful piece of writing with heart thumpingly beautiful language-but I'm not allowed to pick it), so, my favourite poem would have to be either "O Captain My Captain!" By Walt Whitman (made famous in the film Dead Poets Society) which tells the story of a ship returning to harbour after winning a battle-but having lost the captain (the language used really shows how much the author loved his captain-powerful writing!) **OR** I would choose Smile by Spike Milligan. Spike was a genius. He appears as one of the authors of my favourite books too. A very funny man-close to madness, close to genius-but his words are wonderful. This poem is simple and has the world's best message. Spread a smile. Two wonderful poems for different reasons (if I'm not allowed the incredible Under Milk Wood-especially if it is read by Richard Burton!)

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