



ROADE ENGLISH HUB NEWSLETTER

What has Roade English Hub been up to...

2022 has started with a bang! In the first full week of term we had our first Free Phonics and Early Reading showcase of the year, we had 16 schools attend and the feedback was incredible. On the same day we had our first SSP Resource drop in session where we invited publishers in and showcased resources for supported and local schools to attend, they could speak to the publishers about their needs and browse the resources on show.

The hub has been very excited to work with the DfE by facilitating training on the new Reading Framework which was launched in July 2021. Earlier this month we held a webinar for schools across our area, which was very well received. We intend to repeat this training later in the school year.

The engagement from schools hasn't faltered with a further 8 Audits taking place in the first few weeks of this term, with even more booked to take place over the coming months. We had our first Governance meeting of this academic year, which was very positive with very encouraging feedback on the hub provision.

Here is to a productive and supportive year for all our schools...

English Hub Events 2021/22

Online Events

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

Smaller Schools Workshop
26th May 2022 – 3.30pm

Larger Schools Workshop
23rd June 2022 – 3.30pm

To book, visit –

<https://www.roadeenglishhub.co.uk/our-courses-and-events/>

English Accelerator Hub

We've had our 1st term as an Accelerator Hub and it has been an excellent start! We've been busy contacting eligible schools and so far have had 15 take up the offer of the funding. These schools have chosen new SSPs to improve their literacy levels and will receive support from one of our fantastic literacy specialists who will work with them to create a plan to implement their new scheme. They'll also receive funding up to a maximum of £6,000. Please contact englishhub@learnersfirst.org if you would like more information and to find out if your school is eligible.

Parent Engagement Workshop

We all know that effective parental engagement is key in early reading. Why not join two of our experienced Literacy Specialists to explore this in more detail. This workgroup will look at how can we support our parents to encourage a habit of reading when their children are not at school. Perhaps we need to explore if our expectations of parents are fair and do we provide helpful guidance? We will also explore the following thoughts: How do we build strong reading relationships in the community? What do parents want to know about reading? How can we interact without overwhelming? Which ideas have worked well in other schools around the county? We will also have opportunity to answer any questions you have regarding parental engagement. Join us on 3rd February to participate in these important discussions. You can sign up for a free place in the events section of our website.

The Reading Framework

One of our jobs this year is to spread the word about the recently released Reading Framework. Our online workshop was extremely well attended with about 80 schools joining us to find out more. We are also releasing weekly top tips on our social media accounts, so please do have a look...



Meet the Team

Jodie Matthews - Jodie is the Roade English Hub's Lead and Head Teacher at John Hellins Primary School.

Favourite Book – It's so hard for me to choose a favourite book as I like a variety! More recently I have enjoyed The Midnight Library by Matt Haig, Where The Crawdads Sing by Debra Owens, The girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave and The London Eye/ Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens.

Favourite Poem – Hope is the Thing with Feathers by Emily Dickinson, The Roade Not Taken by Robert Frost and Invictus by William Ernest Henley.

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