



ROADE ENGLISH HUB NEWSLETTER - MAY 2022

What has Roade English Hub been up to...

Our fantastic Free Phonics and Early Reading Training will be taking place again, in person, at Roade Primary School on 23 May 2022. This event demonstrates best practice in the teaching of phonics and early literacy. You will be able to see the practice live and discuss the teaching of systematic synthetic phonics. This event is designed for Head/Senior leaders alongside Reception or Year 1 practitioners passionate about ensuring every child is a reader. Places are limited to 2 places per school, supply cover will be reimbursed for teaching staff, if one member attending is the Head Teacher. You can book your place here: <https://www.roadeenglishhub.co.uk/our-courses-and-events>

We are now in the final term of this academic year, this year has been extremely busy the hub has engaged with 105 new schools on varying levels, 51 of those schools have met the criteria to attend a showcase with possible further support and funding. Our free training and events have been very successful with over 220 schools attending up to Easter with lots more training happening this year this will increase significantly.

Nearly 30 schools have been allocated audits for their phonics provision with one of our Literacy Specialists and some of these schools may qualify for extra support next year. By the end of this term our Literacy Specialists will have completed 120 days of support with our partner schools, of which most of these schools will be graduating from the programme at the end of this year. We will be celebrating their achievements at a Graduation event in July.

English Hub Events 2022

Online Events

Early Language Development with
Kirstie Page
5th & 19th May 2022 & 16 June 2022
– 3.30pm

Infusing rich vocabulary throughout
the primary curriculum with Chris
Quigley
6th May 2022 – 9.30am

Developing creative ways into
poetry with Joseph Coelho
9th May 2022 – 3.30pm

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

Building a reading culture in
schools with Jon Biddle
7th June 2022 – 3.30pm

Developing fluency in KS2
9th June 2022 – 3.30pm

Face to Face Events

Free Phonics and Early Reading
Training
23 May 2022 – 9am

Smaller Schools Workshop
26th May 2022 – 3.30pm

Larger Schools Workshop
23rd June 2022 – 3.30pm

To book, visit –
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Early Language

The development of early language in schools is one of the English Hub's main priorities and this term we are working with Kirsty Page to support schools in this area. Kirsty is an experienced speech and language therapist who specialises in working in schools. She has developed a series of three sessions for us that will be perfect for teachers and leaders working in, leading, or supporting EYFS, Year 1 or nursery. The courses are all after school and although it is a series of three, they all also work as standalone courses too. What's more...they are completely free! Please visit our events booking page on our main website to book your places.

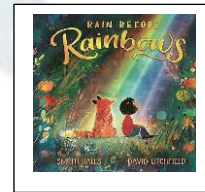
English Accelerator Hub

It has been a busy few months in the Accelerator Hub. Lots of new schools have expressed an interest in the funding and we now have 9 schools who have either purchased a brand new SSP or updated the training and resources for their current one and received their funding. Our Literacy Specialists have assisted them in choosing the right scheme for their school by providing them with information about the different schemes and helping look at how they would fit in with their school. If your school is in the eligible local authority districts you can contact englishhub@learnersfirst.org for more information and to find out if the funding would be available to you. Time is running out for this scheme so if you are interested, please contact them as soon as possible.



Meet the Team –

Jo Wall - Jo is one of Roade English Hub's
Literacy Specialists.



Favourite Book – Currently, my favourite is a book called “Rain Before Rainbows” written by Smriti Halls and illustrated by David Litchfield. It is a short, rhyming picture story; an uplifting tale of hope written to remind us how even in the darkest of moments there is always the promise of something bright, shiny and positive. The little girl and her foxy friend, set out on a tough and scary journey encountering many challenging situations on their way. Their combined strength, resilience and friendship leads them towards a brand new day; one which is “full of promise” and marked by a glorious rainbow.

Favourite Poem – My all-time favourite poem is “On the Ning Nang Nong” by the comedian Spike Milligan which is featured in his 1959 book “Silly Verse for Kids”. His poem, written a number of decades ago, is still used as a stimulus in poetry lessons across the country and for me, it is one I love to use with children. Milligan, a master of word play creates a make-believe world made primarily of noisy words which I love to read aloud. He places great emphasis on onomatopoeic language which is wrapped in rhyme and exclamation. Every word within the poem is purposefully placed, resulting in a strangely delightful cacophony of “jibber jabber joo!”
Such a treat for the ears.

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