Family Learning: Phonics and Beyond



Course overview

This is a three (3) week (2 h per week) course which will help parents/carers understand phonics, how to balance that with other reading methods and with comprehension (reading for meaning). You will have the opportunity to practise a variety of techniques and strategies that your child's school is using and improve your understanding of how to support your child with their reading.

What will I study?

You will:

- Increase knowledge of children's reading development.
- Discover how phonics is taught in primary schools.
- Say the phonic sounds of the alphabet correctly.
- Use a range of problem-solving approaches to reading words (meaning, sight words, pictures, etc).
- Continue with coaching supporting skills (Pause, Prompt, Praise).
- Predict story content using pictures, titles, and blurbs.
- Pre-teach a few difficult words and understand the value of this in helping with the flow of children's reading.
- Check comprehension after reading using closed and open questions.
- Refresh your own literacy skills and improve your confidence when supporting your children with their reading homework.

Assessment method

You will complete practical and written activities in class to enable you to assess your progress.

Reading and writing with your child at home to apply what you have learnt in class is essential.

Entry requirements

This course is for parents and carers of primary aged children. This course is more suitable for KS1 but it can be helpful at any stage of your child education.

What should I bring with me?

You will need a device (Mobile phone, tablet, laptop) to access the online course. A paper notepad and pen is also useful.

Key information

This course will take place on online via Microsoft Teams. If you need support with IT please contact the college and we will endevour to support you.

Contact us

Our friendly staff can give you further advice and support.



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