

Case Study

CATCH UP: Helping struggling learners

Catch Up Literacy recently celebrated ten years of helping struggling readers at a national conference held at Bricket Wood Conference Centre, St Albans. The sister intervention programme, Catch Up Numeracy, was also launched at the event.



Catch Up Literacy, a one-on-one intervention programme in schools designed to boost the literacy of children, estimates that it has now helped 115,000 pupils to improve their reading.

The literacy intervention programme is used to support struggling readers in more than 4,000 schools across the UK and in clusters of schools by more than 60 local authorities. The average reading age gain is 18.76 months following 7.85 months of Catch Up.

Since 2002, the not-for-profit charity Catch Up has trained 7,400 staff to deliver Catch Up Literacy, 4,400 of whom are teaching or learning support assistants. Many receive a National Open College Network (NOCN) Level 2 Catch Up Literacy qualification on completion of the course.

Catch Up Numeracy, launched this summer, has been used in 89 schools in 17 local authorities during its development and also demonstrates excellent results.

Pupils gain seven months in mathematics after only six hours of additional numeracy support (over a period of 5 months), according to new research.

The findings come in a consultation submission to the government's review of the teaching of mathematics in primary schools and early years led by Sir Peter Williams from the new intervention programme. Research and evaluation of the new programme in the initial stages indicate significant potential for tackling the problem of a child struggling with mathematics.

Please visit www.catchup.org.uk for more information on Catch Up Literacy and Catch Up Numeracy or the NOCN Level 2 Catch Up Literacy qualification, or contact Julie Lawes, Director, Catch Up, telephone 01842 752297, email info@catchup.org.uk