



Literacy Lift Off

Literacy Lift Off is an intervention that allows children lots of opportunities to read books at their own level of competency and gradually raises the complexity of their reading and writing ability.



This literacy programme was implemented in Senior Infants in September 2015. The PM+ levelled reading scheme was kindly purchased last year by O'Growney N.S.'s Board of Management.

Literacy Lift Off occurs daily where learning support teachers in collaboration with class teachers work with pupils from Monday to Thursday morning inclusive for six weeks in 10 minute rotating sessions on a range of literacy activities.



These activities include -

- Re-reading familiar books to build fluency and confidence.
- Developing Sight Word recognition skills.
- Being introduced to and attempting to read a new book.
- Composing and recording their own sentences.
- Reconstructing the sentences which have been cut-up.

Some of the benefits of Literacy Lift Off –

- Increased level of literacy (determined by pre and post programme assessments).
- Promotes inclusion as pupils gain new confidence levels which enables them to better access other class reading materials and become more able to participate in the wider curriculum.
- Strengthens the link between home and school.
- Provides many opportunities in small groups to practice reading and writing skills.
- Children actively involved in their own learning.
- Children have fun, enjoy the programme and are encouraged to continue reading.



To support your child in this process we ask you to-



- Listen to your child reading a familiar book (a book already read in class) each evening.
- Ask questions about the story and characters.
- Encourage your child to be a word detective and find certain words.
- Help them identify new and tricky words.
- Encourage and praise your child.

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