

English Hubs

Wensum English Hub

Programme: Success for All Phonics (SfA Phonics)

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Key features of the SSP programme

Success for All and FFT

SfA and FFT are not-for-profit organisations with 20 years' experience in supporting schools with literacy and improving educational outcomes. We believe that success in life is built on a solid foundation of learning. A first critical step is to learn how to read. From our research we know that children who cannot read at the expected standard by the end of Year 2 have a much lower chance of achieving a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English. Our mission is to give all children a solid, full start to literacy and learning to read.

SfA and FFT provide schools with evidence-based literacy programmes which are fully aligned to the National Curriculum and help schools to teach English from Reception to the end of Key Stage 3. Our literacy programmes have been proven to be effective in a wide range of schools, including those schools with a high proportion of disadvantaged children.

SfA Phonics

SfA Phonics has been used by primary schools in England for 15 years. The new, revised version of SfA Phonics is a partnership between Success for All and FFT. SfA Phonics has been updated to meet all DFE requirements for a complete Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) programme. It is designed for daily use from the beginning of Reception through to the end of Year 2. Children working at the expected level will master all the phonic knowledge and skills required for success in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. SfA Phonics can also be used effectively to teach children who are new to English or learning phonics for the first time.

Our phonics programme is provided as a cost-effective subscription service which includes:

- Online access to SfA Phonics teaching materials and resources (including our fully decodable reading books) for all staff in your school
- An online assessment tool to assess, monitor and track pupils' progress and reading skills
- A reading catch-up tutoring programme (for pupils in the lowest 20% attainment band)

- Flexible training and support (online and face-to-face) for teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders

Schools can purchase additional printed materials including the decodable reading books and teaching resources directly from SfA. The package options outlined below provide costs for the subscription service and printed materials for schools.

What's included in SfA Phonics?

- SfA Phonics School Manual: programme overview for school leaders and staff
- Scope and Sequence for teaching SfA Phonics from Reception to the end of Year 2
- 68 fully decodable reading books (Shared Stories) published and printed by SfA (available online and as printed books for use in school and at home)
- Teacher manuals with a weekly teaching sequence, daily lesson plans and all supporting teaching resources
- Initial and ongoing training and support for teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders from SfA, with options for online training and in-school face-to-face training as required
- Online assessment tool to assess pupils' reading skills every 8 weeks including phonics awareness, decoding, reading fluency and comprehension skills
- Online reports for teachers and school leaders to monitor and track pupils' progress and reading skills
- FFT Tutoring with the Lightning Squad – a reading catch-up tutoring programme (approved by the National Tutoring Programme), which can be used to provide additional support to pupils with reading skills below age-related expectations

Training Offer

All schools implementing SfA Phonics are provided with a structured programme of initial training for teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders, as well as an ongoing programme of support. The training is critical to ensuring that SfA Phonics is implemented in an effective and sustainable way which will improve literacy outcomes for all children. SfA delivers all training and support to schools using our in-house team of expert education literacy advisers (Implementation Partners). Our education team includes nine Implementation Partners who are regionally based across England and have significant experience in delivering literacy training and support to primary schools and school leadership teams.

The SfA Phonics training and support can be delivered online (included in subscription service) or in face-to-face training sessions based in your school (additional charge). The core subscription includes training for teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders, delivered over a series of six half-day training sessions covering:

- Programme introduction, overview, teaching resources and implementation
- Assessment, pupil ability groups and monitoring pupil progress
- Teaching phonics in schools
- Teaching strategies to support SfA Phonics including co-operative learning and tutoring
- Monitoring SfA phonics implementation, supporting teachers and monitoring pupils' progress

In addition to the core initial training for SfA Phonics, there is a programme of further optional training workshops and support sessions which schools can access at any time once the teaching of SfA Phonics is underway.

The optional training sessions (online) are included within the core subscription package for schools (no additional charge). We also encourage schools to attend termly online SfA Phonics workshop sessions for teachers and SfA Phonics Facilitators which provide ongoing support, professional development and training.

Package options/ link to this information

SfA Phonics is provided to schools as a subscription service. The core subscription costs from **£950 per annum** for a one-form-entry primary school and includes:

- Online access to all SfA Phonics teaching materials and resources
- Online access to 68 fully decodable reading books for children (the school decides how many printed copies of books to purchase separately and can also print their own copies of the stories if required)
- A set of core printed materials and resources for the school (the school can purchase or print their own additional copies, if required)
- Online assessment tool to assess pupils' reading skills every 8 weeks including phonics awareness, decoding, reading fluency and comprehension skills
- Online reports for teachers and school leaders to monitor and track pupils' progress and reading skills
- Full access to FFT Tutoring with the Lightning Squad – a reading catch-up tutoring programme (approved by the National Tutoring Programme) which can be used to provide additional tutoring support to pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 with reading skills below age-related expectations
- Initial training (online) for all teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders (see additional face-to-face training options below)
- Ongoing support and training for the school (online, telephone and email)

Bespoke training sessions for a school (online or in-person) can be purchased in addition to the core subscription from £250 (half day) and £450 (full day).

All supporting resources and materials are published and printed by SfA and are available online for schools as part of the subscription. Printed copies of the 68 fully decodable stories can be purchased from SfA for £400 (15 copies of each of the 68 books) or £755 (30 copies of each of the 68 books).

Further Detail

The new version of SfA Phonics will be launched for schools in November 2021.

We will be running a series of free online workshops for schools which provide an overview of SfA Phonics from September 2021.

Schools will be able to review sample materials for SfA Phonics on our website in September 2021 including our programme overview, scope and sequence, decodable reading books and teaching resources.

Please do get in touch with us to register your interest for our online workshops and sample materials when they are published in September.

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