



Red the Robot® supports 'Every Child A Talker'

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News this month

The latest National Strategy addition for Early Years, 'Every Child A Talker' is being implemented in UK Local Authorities with 50 LA's receiving funding for 2008/9 and the balance in 2009/10. This new initiative aims to raise children's achievement in early language using the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. Children aged 5 and up will be expected to achieve 6 scales points minimum in the Language for Communication and Thinking section of the profile.

General Primary

This week the results for the three year pilot of 'Every Child a Reader' Reading Recovery programme have been revealed. Studies showed that children who were struggling to read have made 'spectacular' progress, boosting their reading age by two years in only a few months. In the Reading Recovery programme children receive an extra 30 minutes a day of one-to-one tuition to allow them to catch up with their peers.

The Institute of Education identified that Red the Robot® can help develop children's communication skills encouraging pupils to speak and listen. As a result, several LA's have used Every Child A Talker funding for Early Years settings to purchase Red. EY settings can use Red to provide a systematic and well designed set of activities for Letters and Sounds Phase One learners. Some EY Settings may find it difficult to provide a balanced and thorough curriculum, possibly rushing through this vital Phase. Red the Robot® delivers motivational, structured and personalised learning by using up-to-date learning cards and storybooks allowing thorough, consistent teaching and learning of Phase One.

Customer Support

We pride ourselves on our excellent customer support, from providing FREE training sessions, showing you how to get the most out of Red the Robot®, to troubleshooting and supplying FREE downloadable lesson plans to work alongside the Letters and Sounds activity learning cards. Our team of teachers are ready to help you get the most out of your resources – they are only a phone call or email away!

Teacher tips! Have you tried.... Using Red to engage the whole class?

Use Red the Robot® and his activity learning cards in a whole class situation to reinforce words, phonemes and graphemes using coloured fans. Use the fans in pairs or individually to allow whole class participation while using Red the Robot. Hook Red up to speakers and give children time to hold up the colour fan that corresponds with the correct answer panel.