

Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-up Premium Report 2015-2016

During the academic year 2015-2016, The Lakes School received funding to support students who have not attained age related expectations in reading and Maths at the end of Key Stage 2.

For this period, we received £8000 to support Year 7 students who joined us in September 2016. During the year 2015-2016, the school spent £8,138.55 on supporting catch-up students.

How did we support our catch-up students?

In line with the intention of the funding, we have provided the following support programmes for targeted students;

1. Passport Maths
2. Accelerated Reading
3. Dyslexia Resources including IDL
4. Reading books specific to student interests and needs

What impact did the money have on targeted students during the Year 2015-2016?

Passport Maths

Targeted students worked with trained staff to deliver focussed Passport Maths support which is specifically designed to identify gaps in knowledge and to address those gaps through focussed Maths related tasks which build on a child's learning from Key Stage 2.

Across the students targeted we saw in average improvement in test scores of 7.25 marks from the beginning of the programme to the end of the programme.

This improvement represented progress by the students in the following key areas of maths;

1. Money
2. Shape and Space
3. Percentages
4. Angles
5. Time
6. Measuring
7. Area and Perimeter

In all cases, students returned to their normal timetable and engaged positively with their maths lessons, continuing to make progress.

Reading

Our Accelerated Reader and IDL programmes are focussed on helping students read fluently and to develop their ability to infer meaning from the books they read. Short quizzes consolidate learning and we reward students with certificates and prizes as they reach different levels. We also reward students for the number of words they read.

Students with reading ages below age 10 accessed targeted support through the Accelerated Reader programme or IDL for students who require support with dyslexia.

Across the year, 21 students received targeted support with their reading. 75% of those students made significant progress in their reading age of between 6 to 12 months.

We believe that reading should be developed throughout the school so the targeted students will continue to access support with developing reading throughout Year 8, 9 and 10 to ensure that they are making progress with their reading and able to access the curriculum more easily as they work towards their GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.

Plans for the 2016-2017 Catch-up Premium

The focus of the funding for next academic year continues to support students who do not meet age related expectations in reading and maths at the end of Key Stage 2. Due to the impact of our targeted support through Passport Maths, Accelerated Reader and IDL, we intend to continue this work to support our new Year 7 students.

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