

Minutes from BPC Year Group Cluster Meeting

Year group: Reception	Venue: Brisbane Park Infant School
Date: 11/10/16	Lead teacher: Kirsty Blanshard
<p>Issues:</p> <p>Volunteer readers - It was asked 'Do all people who listen to readers have to be phonically trained?' We discussed whether each school has volunteer readers in school such as grandparents and parents. All agreed that we did and that they are a useful tool for extra reading sessions to encourage the children to enjoy reading as well as providing time to access it on a more regular basis, therefore we did not think they needed to be phonically trained. However, in saying this it was also agreed that children need to have and use their phonic knowledge and are able to do this when they are listened to by the school staff. This is generally done 2-3 times a week per child.</p> <p>Flash Cards – We all use flash cards to teach children tricky words alongside their reading books and phonic activities.</p>	
<p>Actions from issues:</p> <p>Due to the question being raised we would like to get a definitive answer for the question 'Do volunteer readers have to be phonically trained?'</p>	
<p>CPD requirements: N/A</p>	
<p>What is working well in your year group?</p> <p>Teachers all listen to children read 1:1. We use shared reading rather than guided reading. We all listen to readers at least twice a week. Some schools use a carousel system to get through all their readers. Some schools use Power of Reading to explore the children's comprehension and promote motivation alongside their literacy and reading book sessions.</p>	
<p>Questions for Head Teachers: N/A</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	
Venue: North Walney Primary School	Focus: Moderation
Date: 21 st March 2017	Lead Teacher: Kirsty Blanshard