

Rapid Reading

Rapid Starter consists of 16 books which are levelled below the core texts of Series 1 and 2 of the programme.

The Rapid programme is a collection of resources to support you in your work with children who find reading difficult. It provides:

- Finely –levelled fiction and non-fiction readers;
- Motivating speech recognition software for reading practice;
- Assessment texts (Benchmark Books) to monitor pupils' reading progress;
- Activities and tasks to consolidate phonic work;
- Lesson plans for Guided Reading sessions;
- Guidance and support, within the reading books and the Teaching Guide.

Who are the target pupils?

Rapid starter texts are designed for the struggling readers aged 7-11 with a reading age of 5.0-5.6. Once children can successfully read the Starter texts they can progress to Series 1 and 2 of the rapid Reading Programme.

The Rapid texts

The Rapid texts are high interest stories and motivating non-fiction topics which will inspire struggling readers. Each text is a whole reading experience. The text is always introduced by means of a Before Reading page which sets the scene, introduces the characters or topic, and launches the pupil into



independent reading. The text is followed by a Quiz page which invites the pupil to revisit the text, and helps to develop comprehension and phonic knowledge. Each Rapid text has been developed to ensure that pupils make a steady progress in their reading. Some of the features which ensure this progress are:

- A limited number of different words within each text;
- Thematically-linked fiction and non-fiction texts, within one Reading book;
- Fiction texts within each Set share the same main characters;
- Short texts, designed for a 15 minute reading intervention or a Guided Reading session;
- Chunked text boxes divide the text, to ensure that the pages do not look too daunting for pupils;
- Rapid texts use a specially designed font to help the struggling reader to make the important distinctions between confusable letters such as 'b' and 'd';

- The phonic activities on the Quiz pages direct pupils back to words in the text to analyse them for phonic features.

In the Teaching Guide

The Teacher Guide contains;

- Guided Reading notes for each of the Reading Books in Rapid Starter;
- Two Photocopy Master Worksheets per book;
- Reading Assessment Records.

