

Year 7 Catch Up Funding – November 2017

Perryfields was allocated £14,752 catch up funding for financial year 2016-17. We have allocated this money to a range of activities and created additional support for those pupils identified as requiring catch up support.

Ofsted made positive comments about our use of catch up funding during their visit in December 2015, and we have since developed our practices. They said;

“At Key Stage 3, pupils benefit from Year 7 Catch Up Funding which is used to promote the reading of fiction and to provide more intensive literacy support for those who need it. As a result, pupils make significant gains in their reading ages which improve their ability to learn in all subject areas”.

We are using our funding in the following manner for the academic year 2017-18:

- Licences have been bought for all year 7 pupils and they have been allocated an Accelerated Reading session within their timetable once per week. Lower ability pupils in year 8 have also been allocated a session
- The “Literacy Ninjas” programme – a vocabulary and comprehension initiative -has been purchased and is embedded within our PDM programme
- The “Numeracy Ninjas” programme – a mental strategies, times tables and key skills initiative – has been purchased and is embedded within our PDM programme
- TLRs for whole school Literacy and Numeracy Co-ordinators has been partially funded
- Licences have been bought for all pupils so that those with below age related reading ages are identified and appropriate intervention can be initiated
- GL Assessment subscription to CATs has been purchased for all year 7s. The majority of year 7 have been tested as of January 2018, with the remainder to be completed in the Spring Term. NB – not all have been completed due to the exams officer being on jury duty at the end of the Autumn Term
- Whole school subscription to MyMaths has been partially funded
- CPDL on “Readability Strategies” was delivered to all staff by Sandwell’s SENATL team in September

Remaining Funding 2016-17 financial year - £3802

Due to the current climate of increased importance on literacy, the remaining catch up funding will be allocated to literacy projects. Year 7s who entered Perryfields with a score below 100 for reading have been identified (see attached) and have had an initial reading test to determine their reading age. The week beginning 15/01/18, all year 7 pupils will be re-tested to identify pupils who are still below age related expectation for reading. Once identified, these pupils will be given intensive reading and literacy intervention via the Lexia Programme: training for staff has been organised for 17/01/18. Once pupils have been identified from the reading tests, they will be timetabled to complete this intervention programme during 3 20 minute PDM session per week. The first cohort will focus on Disadvantaged Boys.

The line management of numeracy has recently been changed following a staffing restructure and the whole school numeracy initiatives will mirror the structure of whole school literacy (see attached). Please also see the attached document “The Future of Numeracy in Perryfields” for initial whole school plan.

The Local Authority will inform us of our 2017-18 allocation in early March, but we expect a similar figure from that in previous years.