Project X CODE

Project X CODE is a reading intervention for children in P3-5 designed to accelerate reading progress so that children reach expected literacy levels as soon as possible. It is the only book-by-book reading intervention that embeds systematic synthetic phonics within a highly motivational character adventure series. It uses a unique 2-text approach: Text 1 is 100% decodable to build reading confidence; Text 2 is at least 80% decodable to develop children’s vocabulary and comprehension skills. The 14 entry and exit points mean that children can start and end the intervention at a point that is right for them. CODE is fully resourced with comprehensive lesson plans, easy-to-use assessment and progress tracking, all designed to accelerate progress. It is fully supported by specialist training for TAs from Edge Hill University.

Why is Project X CODE suitable for schools in Scotland?

✔ Uses a proven approach to improve attainment in literacy
✔ Incorporates effective assessment so every child is taught at the right level
✔ Provides a clear record of progress for every child
✔ Engages parents and helps them support their child’s learning
✔ Supports every teacher with comprehensive professional development

Is Project X CODE available throughout Scotland?

Project X CODE resources are available throughout Scotland from your Oxford University Press Educational Consultant (see overleaf for contact details).

What impact has Project X CODE had on schools?

An independently analysed research trial of Project X CODE

Dr Ros Fisher, Associate Professor at the University of Exeter, analysed data from a trial run over the summer term of 2012. The trial took place over 8–10 weeks in 13 schools from eight local authorities located in different parts of England.

The results indicated that Project X CODE was very successful in supporting pupils who were experiencing difficulty in reading to make more than expected progress in sentence reading, phonics and comprehension: ‘After one term of Project X CODE, pupils gained an average of 8.7 months on their phonics age, and 6.8 months on their sentence reading age’.


The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust

Project X CODE is included in the Interventions for Literacy list of evidence-based interventions based on the work of Professor Greg Brooks. For more information, go to: http://www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/4/resources/2/for-schools-and-local-authorities/280/interventions-for-literacy/
Resource costs
A Project X CODE super easy buy pack that includes a complete set of resources listed below and costs just £1,080+VAT.

- Teaching and Assessment handbooks 1 & 2 with practice CD-ROMs
- 3 copies of each of the 56 books
- 2 eBook CD-ROMs (containing all 56 books)
- 1 Launch story: The Adventure Begins

Your local Educational Consultant can advise you on the most suitable resources to meet the needs of your school.

Training costs
Edge Hill University provide comprehensive training for Project X CODE which ensures maximum impact from the resources.

- Gain a deep understanding of how Project X CODE works
- Learn more about systematic synthetic phonics and how to deliver it to children who are struggling with reading
- Make the intervention sessions “come alive” for children
- Decide where children should enter and exit the programme
- Liaise with the children’s class teachers to secure their progress during and after the programme.

Edge Hill University
More information about training can be found at: https://everychildcounts.edgehill.ac.uk/project-x-code/

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