

'LETTERBOX'

NORTH AND WEST KENT VSK PUPIL PREMIUM PROJECT

AIMS

- raise standards of literacy and numeracy for Kent CIC aged 5-13
- raise engagement/enjoyment of foster carers with supporting literacy and numeracy for Kent CIC

KEY PERSONNEL

- FELOs in N and WK
- AHs in N and WK
- Link with Fostering Manager and NWK team.
- Awareness raising of Designated Teachers

DESCRIPTION

- The Letterbox Club is an award-winning programme managed by Book Trust, in partnership with the **University of Leicester**, which aims to provide enjoyable educational support for looked-after children aged 5-13, ie Years 1 - 7.

<http://www.letterboxclub.org.uk/about-us/>

- Each child is sent a colourful parcel of books, maths activities, stationery and other complementary materials once every month for **six months, from May to October**, ranging over the summer months to support a bridge across a time where children historically are known to lag/regress in attainment. For many children it's the first time they have had a letter or a parcel through the post and for some it's the first time they have had books of their own. The packs are designed for different age ranges with material suitable for the 'average' child in that group. We have looked at each child's ability and if the books in a particular age range are not appropriate for that child, we have selected a different colour pack.
- As well as the books, maths activities and stationery, each child receives a letter explaining what's in their parcel that month. All of the books in the parcels have been carefully selected by the panel at Booktrust for the children in the programme.
- Over the six-month period the parcels will also include other items such as a library joining card or information about how to join a library, name plates, bookmarks and letters from a selection of children's authors.
- The foster carers and Designated Teachers have received a letter explaining the scheme prior to the parcels being delivered. Foster carers are encouraged to share the books and the maths games with the children.
- The packs are delivered to Worrall House for despatch monthly and the May packs are being processed now.

CROSS LOCALITY WORKING

- Differentiation for age, developmental stage and SEN.

Area	Orange	Blue	Red	Green	Yellow	Total packs
North Kent	14	13	21	1	11	60
Maidstone/Malling	5	8	9	0	3	25
T Wells/Tonbridge	3	3	9	0	0	15
Medway	3	2	4	1	1	11
Total colours	25	26	43	2	15	111

MEASURING IMPACT

- Midpoint review: carers and children will receive a feedback form
- Post intervention evaluation : carers and children will receive a feedback form
- Attainment levels and progress data analysed by AHs
- FELOS collate data from Letterbox.
- AHs and FELOs analyse data, measure impact and plan next steps.

COSTS

£19,231.50 (inc postage)

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