

# MAKING BEST USE OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## Evidence-based TA-led literacy and numeracy interventions

The Education Endowment Foundation has published six evaluations of TA-led, one-to-one and small group literacy and numeracy interventions, all showing positive impacts on pupil attainment (typically adding between three and four additional months progress). Schools should consider using a small number of well-chosen interventions that complement the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom.

Intervention	Summary	Eligible year groups	Effect size/ additional months progress	Padlocks	Cost
<b>Catch Up ® Literacy</b> Catch Up ®	One-to-one reading intervention that addresses word recognition and language comprehension difficulties.	Years 3-6	+0.12 (2 months)		
<b>Catch Up ® Numeracy</b> Catch Up ®	One-to-one intervention that breaks numeracy down into 10 components, tests children's ability on each, and targets the exact area of need.	Years 2-6	+0.21 (3 months)		
<b>Nuffield Early Language Intervention</b> University College London and ICAN	A one-to-one and small-group intervention (2-4 pupils) designed to improve the spoken language ability of children during the transition from nursery to primary school.	Early Years	+0.27 (4 months)		
<b>REACH</b> University College London	One-to-one reading intervention designed to improve reading accuracy and comprehension in pupils with reading difficulties in early secondary.	Years 7-8	+0.34 (4 months)		
<b>Switch-on Reading</b> Nottinghamshire County Council	10 week reading and writing intervention, inspired by Reading Recovery, targeting underachieving, vulnerable pupils	Years 5-7	+0.24 (3 months)		
<b>Talk for Literacy</b> Greenford High School	Two interventions designed to enhance pupils' literacy by improving their vocabulary and narrative skills.	Years 7	+0.2 (3 months)		

# MAKING BEST USE OF TEACHING ASSISTANTS

## Evidence-based TA-led literacy and numeracy interventions

Intervention	Eligible year groups	Effect size/ additional months progress	Padlocks	Cost
<b>Catch Up® Literacy</b> Catch Up®	Years 3-6	+0.12 (2 months)	🔒🔒🔒🔒🔒	£££££
<b>Catch Up® Numeracy</b> Catch Up®	Years 2-6	+0.21 (3 months)	🔒🔒🔒🔒🔒	£££££
<b>Nuffield Early Language Intervention</b> University College London and ICAN	Early Years	+0.27 (4 months)	🔒🔒🔒🔒🔒	£££££
<b>REACH</b> University College London	Years 7-8	+0.34 (4 months)	🔒🔒🔒🔒🔒	£££££
<b>Switch-on Reading</b> Nottinghamshire County Council	Years 5-7	+0.24 (3 months)	🔒🔒🔒🔒🔒	£££££
<b>Talk for Literacy</b> Greenford High School	Years 7	+0.2 (3 months)	🔒🔒🔒🔒🔒	£££££