



Holiday Reinforcement

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Why do we need holiday reinforcement?

Most struggling learners fall significantly behind over the summer break

Not unusual to spend most of Term 1 catching up to where you were at the end of Term 4!

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Why do we need holiday reinforcement?



Long break

Struggling learners can need **huge** amounts of reinforcement

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Memory Implications

A non-dyslexic child takes between 4 and 10 exposures to a word to fix it in long-term memory.

A dyslexic learner may need 500 – 1300 exposures to the same word!

Bateman, B., 1991

Repetition and reinforcement

Lots and lots!

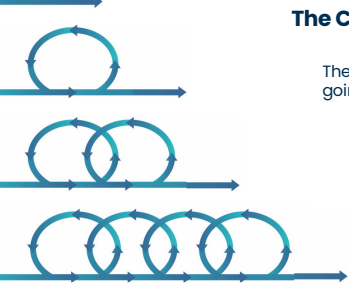


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The Circular Progression

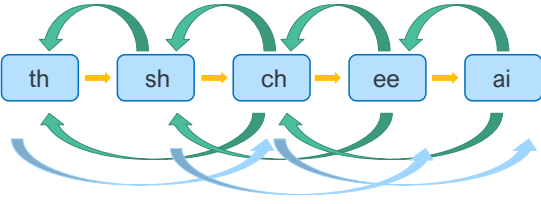


The importance of constantly going back

Re-checking

Re-teaching

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Will parents all do reinforcement?



No – but the ones that do will need guidance and help to do that reinforcement in the right way!

Simple and clear **Fun**

Do's and don'ts! **Achievable**

Relevant

Targeted

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How to do this?

Crucial to use the holidays to share and enjoy books together as much as possible.

Some specific reinforcement of the year's work on StepsWeb

Key principle: mileage, not challenge!

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Online options

Wordlists
Several activities that use a list of words

Supporting Activities
Several activities for practising specific skills

Games
Single activities that have more of a focus on fun

Recommendations:

Break holiday work into modules

Each module consists of:

Wordlist

Activity

Game

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Holiday Reinforcement Planning

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Foundation Level					
Wordlists	Level A/B	Level A/B	Level A/B	Level A/B	Level A/B
Supporting Activities	Letter and Sounds Reversals 2/3	Useful Stuff Number Reversals 3, 5, 7	Letter and Sounds Alphabet Chunks Lower Case	Useful Stuff Number Reversals 2, 7, 8	Useful Stuff Number Reversals 2, 5, 9
Games	Jigsaw Rhyme 1	Fireworks 10	Jigsaw Rhyme Sounds 1	Snap	Jigsaw Rhyme 2
Levels 1/2					
Wordlists	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
Supporting Activities	Phonological Short Vowels Read Words	Useful Stuff Days (Visual)	Letter and Sounds Alphabet Chunks	Phonological Short Vowels Sort Sounds	Useful Stuff Days (Audio)
Games	Jigsaw Rhyme 3	Four in a Row Level 1 - List 2	Blocks	Jigsaw End Sounds 1	Four in a Row Level 1 - List 4
Levels 3/4					
Wordlists	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3	Level 3
Supporting Activities	Useful Stuff Months (Visual) First 8 months	Useful Stuff Number Grid	Useful Stuff Months (Visual) Second 8 months	Useful Stuff Number Grid	Useful Stuff Months (Visual) All
Games	Jigsaw Middle Sounds 1	Four in a Row Level 3 - List 1	Blocks	Jigsaw Middle Sounds 2	Four in a Row Level 3 - List 4

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	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Levels 6/6					
Wordlists	Level 6	Level 6	Level 6	Level 6	Level 6
Supporting Activities	Useful Stuff Number Grid	Useful Stuff Months (Visual)	Useful Stuff Noun, Adjective, Verb	Useful Stuff Months (Audio)	Useful Stuff Number Grid
Games	Jigsaw Middle Sounds 3	Four in a Row Level 6 - List 1	Blocks	Jigsaw Middle Sounds 4	Four in a Row Level 6 - List 4
Levels 7/8					
Wordlists	Level 7	Level 7	Level 7	Level 7	Level 7
Supporting Activities	Useful Stuff Number Grid	Useful Stuff Months (Visual)	Useful Stuff Noun, Adjective, Verb	Useful Stuff Months (Audio)	Useful Stuff Number Grid
Games	Jigsaw Middle Sounds 5	Four in a Row Level 7 - List 1	Blocks	Jigsaw Middle Sounds 1	Four in a Row Level 7 - List 4
Levels 9/10					
Wordlists	Level 9	Level 9	Level 9	Level 9	Level 9
Supporting Activities	Useful Stuff Number Grid	Useful Stuff Months (Visual)	Useful Stuff Noun, Adjective, Verb	Useful Stuff Months (Audio)	Useful Stuff Adjective or Adverb
Games	Jigsaw Associations 2	Four in a Row Level 9 - List 1	Blocks	Jigsaw Associations 3	Four in a Row Level 9 - List 3

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First question

Why are we lumping Levels together?

Foundation Level

Wordlists	
Supporting Activities	Le
Games	

Levels 1/2

Just for practicality. We're aiming to give learners reinforcement which is undemanding, but providing mileage. Learners on, say, Level 2 will benefit from the same lists as those on Level 1. However, you can easily vary this as you see fit.

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Next question

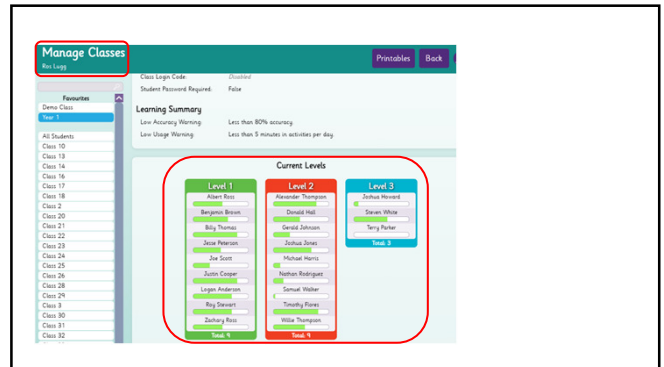
How do I easily see who's in which Level?

Go to 'Manage Classes' and select the class you want to look at. Then scroll down the page and you'll see the following illustrations, showing you which Levels those learners are currently on.



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Next question

Why does this only go up to Level 10?

Basically because those learners beyond Level 10 no longer need holiday reinforcement in quite the same way. There's no reason why you shouldn't set it, though, if you see a need!

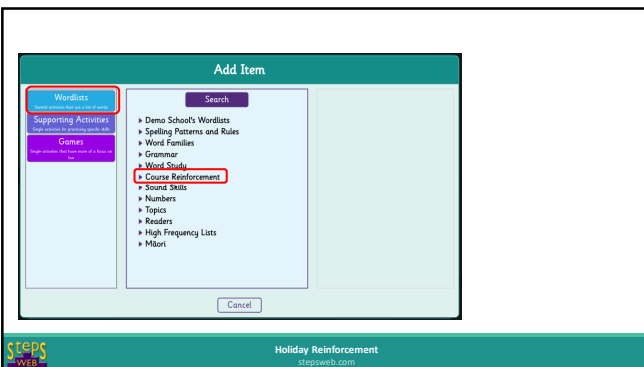


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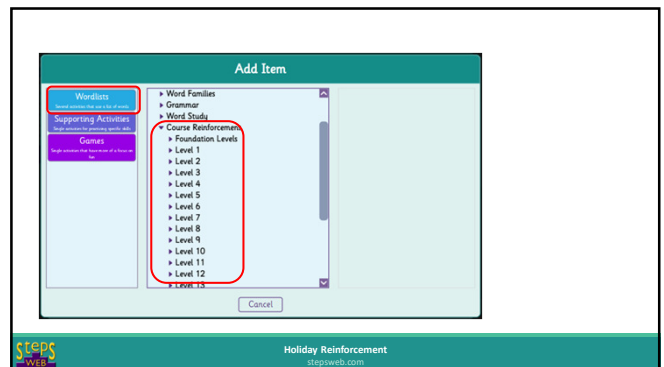
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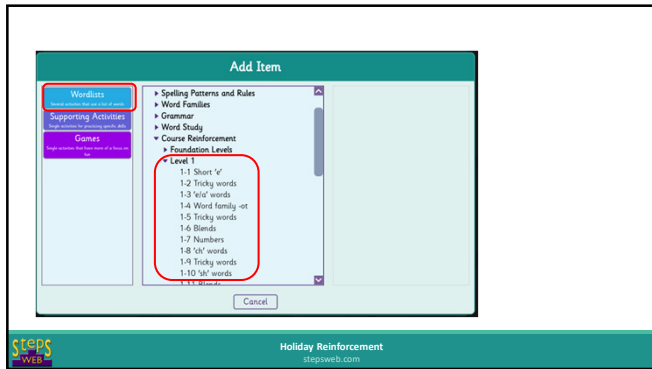
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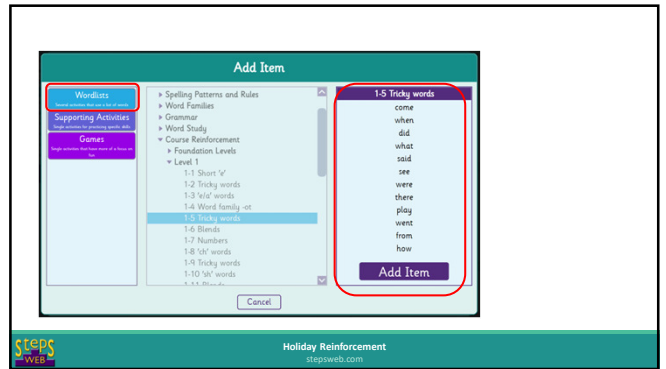
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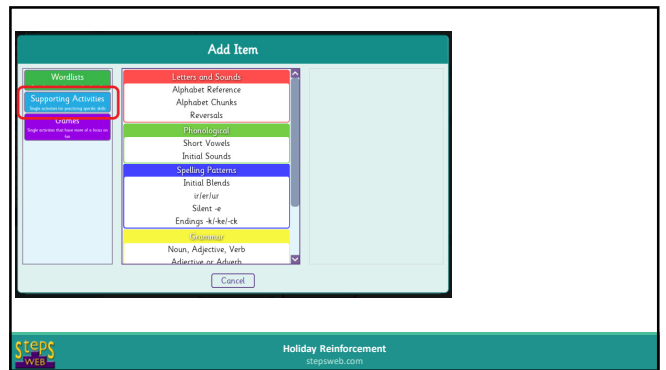


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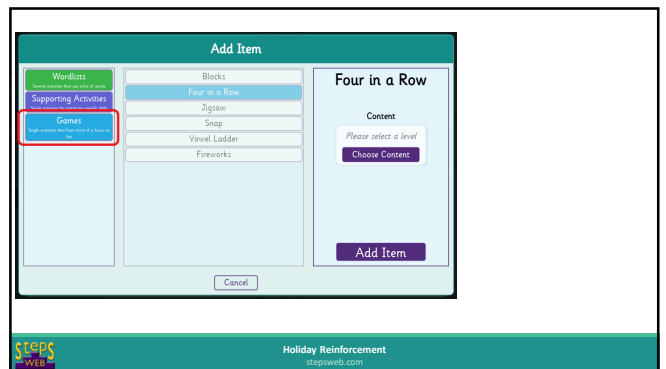


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Don't forget!

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And now for some action.....!

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Don't forget:

Wordlists can contain content which will be specific to other areas or subjects.

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Hands-on options

Handwriting Practice

Free copy available here:

<https://support.stepsweb.com/274/handwriting-workbook>

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Stargame

Available here:

<https://support.stepsweb.com/296/stargame-intro>

Stargame Word Cards

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Onset + rime games

Available here:

<https://support.stepsweb.com/273/onset--rime-card-sets>

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