

Home-School Reading Project

School	The City of Leicester College
Reading Champion	Karen Penfold
Contact email	kpenfold@cityleicester.leicester.sch.uk
Who was targeted?	Lower ability year 7 and 8 students
Outline of project:	
<p>Home-School Reading Project – a weekly run structured reading project led by our Literacy TA, which will be continued at home to develop home/school links.</p> <p>Targeting students who come into Year 7 with a level 3 or below in English, to help improve their reading confidence and reading miles. A lot of students who come into secondary school suddenly reduce the amount they read so this project aims to encourage them to keep reading and to also give parents the opportunity to still be involved with their child’s learning.</p> <p>As part of this project, the students and their parents will be taken to their local library to encourage this link between families and their local libraries where the local librarians will sign the family representative up to become members plus share the resources that can be accessed in the library. This year we have already made links with both Highfields and St Barnabas libraries which are local for our families and we want to continue this.</p>	
Overview of the timelines, additional resources etc.	
<p>Very weak students - The BFG + activity pack + reward Weak students - Mr Stink + activity pack+ rewards Average students - The Butterfly Lion + activity pack + rewards</p> <p>New one still to be completed – Skellig + activity pack to challenge average students</p>	
Impact	
<p>Improve home-school links Local library usage by individual students and their families Help with reading comprehension. Help improve reading ability</p>	
Lessons learnt – advice for other schools	
<p>Check the home language of student’s families first before adding them to the scheme Maintain regular contact with family throughout the scheme: letter at the start, phone calls home, email and final letter.</p>	
Estimate of costs	£100 for copies of book, resources, printing, book bags and rewards – per title