



Birches First School

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...to be the best 'me' I can be.



Monday 10th January 2022

Dyslexia Gold Program

Dear Parents,

We have selected your child to use Dyslexia Gold's programs to help improve their reading and spelling (www.dyslexiagold.co.uk). This **does not** mean they have dyslexia as the programs are suitable for all children who may find areas of reading more challenging.

Often, children who may find elements of reading more difficult, struggle to focus both eyes on the same point and track across the page. When they read, each eye looks at a different letter and the brain receives two different images.

This is partly why reading can be more challenging for them. It can cause them to read slowly, skip words or lines, reverse letters, say the text moves, say the text is double or blurry, they get eye strain or tired when reading. Dyslexia Gold helps children overcome this with 8, fun to play games.

Another reason children can find reading difficult is because they have a problem hearing sounds in words, they can't hear that *goat* contains 3 sounds - *g-oa-t*, instead all of the sounds merge into one. Dyslexia Gold helps children by playing games based around hearing these sounds in words.

The programs are played for short regular bursts. We will be spending time in school working using the intervention program with your child. We have completed a baseline in school with the children to see which areas of reading and spelling your child may find more difficult so we are able to tailor the program to each individual child.

Children can also access to the program at home to support their learning. We will share usernames and passwords with you by Monday 17th January 2022.

If you have any questions, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Miss S Hulme

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