



# Strengthening Literacy Skills in the Early Years

with Sarah Quinn

- Aimed at:
- Early Years Leaders
  - Early Years Teachers

Ensuring children reach the early learning goals in literacy is becoming increasingly difficult. Over these three training sessions, Sarah will explore ways to excite children about reading and writing and explore effective and engaging ways for you to teach literacy skills. Throughout this training, you will have the opportunity to talk to colleagues and to evaluate your curriculum, environment and teaching to support literacy in early years.

## Day 1: **Developing Early Language & Vocabulary Skills** Tuesday 11th November 2025

- Is talk developed enough to lead to oral literacy and composition?
- How do you assess children's starting points?
- How are adults developing children's talk?
- How do you assess progress in early language and vocabulary development?
- What practical strategies can we start to use?

## Day 2: **Developing Early Reading Skills** Tuesday 13th January 2026

- What is emergent reading and why is this important?
- How do we promote the technical aspects of reading, alongside reading for pleasure?
- How do we engage parents?
- How is reading promoted across the provision and how do we engage and motivate children to access early reading skills?

## Day 3: **Developing Early Writing Skills** Thursday 5th March 2026

- Is your provision for writing motivating and exciting?
- How are you developing composition skills, so children are keen to write?
- How do you use transcription, so children know what success looks like?
- What is the place of dictation in early years?
- How is early writing taught and assessed?

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**Time:** 9am – 3pm

**Venue:** Witham St Hughs English Hub  
The Regatta Building,  
Henley Way, Lincoln LN6 3QR

Cost  
**FREE**



Witham St Hughs English Hub is delighted to offer this free training to all schools, working in partnership with Quinn Education Development.

At the helm of Quinn Education Development is Sarah Quinn. Sarah delivers training and support to schools to raise the quality of their practice and the outcomes for children.

Sarah was a highly successful primary school teacher and leader and has worked as a managing inspector for Ofsted and for CfBT Inspection Services as the Central Senior Managing Inspector. Sarah has recently developed assessment and tracking, curriculum and teaching systems for early years settings from birth to five.

