

A unique KS2/3 literacy intervention programme for older pupils with a reading age of 5 – 12 years

What is Quest?

Quest is one of several evidence-based literacy programmes available from Success for All UK, a charitable organisation who work with schools across the UK. You can find out more about SfA and all of our programmes available by visiting our website. <https://successforall.org.uk/>

The Quest programme is divided into **6 ability levels**. Every Quest Unit includes **complete daily lesson plans** covering all elements of literacy: reading, writing, phonics, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Each daily lesson plan covers at least 60 minutes of teaching and Quest titles range from 1 to 4 weeks in length across a wide range of genres, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, plays, classical extracts and digital e-titles.

Quest levels 1-4 are best used either in small groups as a tuition or catch up programme in lower ability classes in KS2 or KS3. **Quest levels 5-6** can be used in primary to challenge readers or in secondary as an alternative curriculum for children with lower reading ages. You can decide on the packs you wish to purchase dependent on your needs. (See pages 2-4 for details of contents and costs.)

How will Quest benefit my pupils?

There are very few intervention programmes for older, less able readers that have been proven to have an impact. However, Quest has been trialled, refined and piloted last academic year in five diverse secondary schools. All schools are continuing their use of Quest this year due to its positive impact. You can read the case study here: https://successforall.org.uk/case_study/wickersley-partnership-trust-rotherham-south-yorkshire/

Quotes from our partner Quest schools:

"Students are engaged with the programme and enjoy the structured lessons, we are seeing an improvement in a wide range of reading skills but most notably in their fluency and comprehension, assessment data is also validating this."

*Taylor Wilkinson - Quest Facilitator Clifton
Community School*

"SfA has helped us turn our vision for a language-rich curriculum into a reality for all of our learners. The vast library of pre-complex texts in the SfA programme is an invaluable source of wider world knowledge for our weakest readers. The co-operative model, at the heart of SfA, is helping our students become more competent readers, and all-round better learners."

*Jamie Skirrow - Assistant Headteacher
Rawmarsh Community School*

Can I see a sample?

You can **download a sample Quest Level 4 Unit here: <https://successforall.org.uk/the-programme/resources/>**. For further samples/details of Quest please email: info@successforall.org.uk

Quest 1-2 Pack

For pupils with a reading age of 6-7 years

What is it? *Quest 1 & 2 uses high-interest, age-appropriate texts that are phonically regular and contain simple sentences to help children learn how to decode and develop basic comprehension skills. Children also review basic phonics and spelling strategies on a daily basis. In addition, they are exposed to essential vocabulary skills and complete appropriate weekly writing tasks based on the texts they have been reading. Highly detailed step by step planning and activities support non-specialists to effectively teach reading and writing skills children require at this level.*

How do you use it? *This level of the programme is often used in smaller groups for children who need to secure basic reading skills. Children accessing this level of Quest are likely to have significant barriers to accessing your usual English curriculum, this level best supports children who are either EAL or SEND. It is often delivered by Teaching Assistants and used in small groups, pairs or one to one.*

What you get	Initial Programme Training	Start-Up Support and Mid- Programme	Cost of SfA Teaching Units
- Half a term of Level 1 (7 Units) - Half a term of Level 2 (7 Units)	Full-day training on how to use the Quest programme and half a day on phonics@£1050	Half a day @£525	14 SfA Quest Units @£60 each = £840
Please note: Quest Levels 1 & 2 are unique in their structure and require adults using the programme to understand synthetic phonics. Therefore, in addition to the half-day initial training on how to use the Quest programme an additional half a day is required if you are purchasing Level 1 & 2 on phonics and basic reading skills.			
Total Cost of SfA Support, Training & Resources for Quest Level 1 - 2 = £2415			

Typical texts and overview of skills: Quest 1 - 2

	<p>Phonics/Spelling: The phonic focus at Quest levels 1 & 2 ensures children quickly review key phonemes and are able to blend and segment. Basic spelling patterns are also addressed along with common irregular words.</p> <p>Reading: Core reading strategies are covered such as basic decoding, along with retrieval in fiction and non-fiction. There is also a strong focus on vocabulary development.</p> <p>Grammar: Essential skills such as capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, commas and adjectives are all reviewed. Writing: Pupils have a range of engaging tasks that help them develop basic writings skills.</p>
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Quest 3-4 Pack

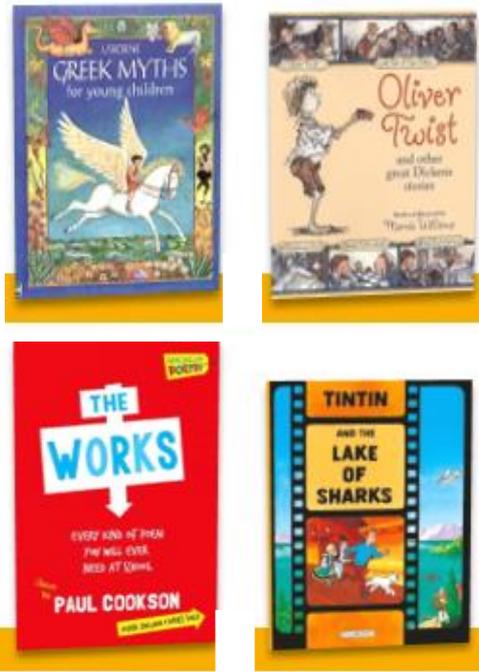
For pupils with reading age of 8-9 years

What is it? Quest 3 & 4 also uses high-interest texts; however, they are short ‘novel type’ texts that build reading stamina and allow children to further develop their comprehension and key reading strategies by reading fun, non-threatening real books. Children cover basic common spelling strategies daily and further develop their vocabulary knowledge. They also complete more complex weekly writing tasks. Again, each unit is very detailed and provides stimulating activities and resources to support any adult to teach the units with minimal planning or preparation time.

How do you use it? This level of the programme is often used in smaller, lower ability classes by a teacher (non/specialist) or teaching assistant.

What you get	Initial Programme Training	Start-Up Support and Mid- Programme	Cost of Sfa Teaching Units
- 1 Term of Quest Level 3 (5 Units) - 1 Term of Quest Level 4 (4 Units)	Half a day training on how to use the Quest programme @£525.	Half a day @£525	9 Sfa Quest Units @£60 each = £540
Total Cost of Sfa Support, Training & Resources for Quest pack Level 3 - 4 = £1590			

Typical texts and overview of skills Quest: 3 - 4

	<p>Spelling: Common suffixes, prefixes and irregular spellings are covered along with appropriate irregular words.</p>
	<p>Reading: A wide range of skills are covered such as identifying main points, features of genres, language style and layout of texts, plot/character inferences, author’s choice of language, impact on the audience and finding supporting evidence from the text.</p> <p>Grammar: Children develop basic grammar knowledge and learn how to apply this. Adverbials, conjunctions, inverted commas, prepositions etc. are all covered.</p> <p>Writing: Pupils complete a range of stimulating sustained tasks such as advisory e-mails/letters to characters, adverts to persuade and descriptions of a range of settings.</p>

Quest 5-6 Pack

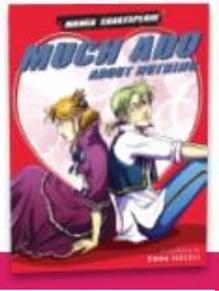
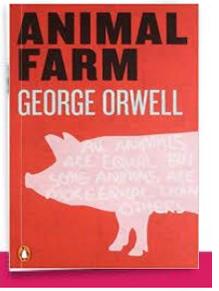
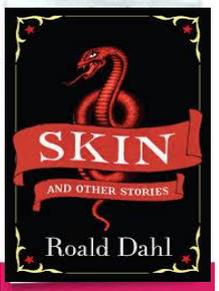
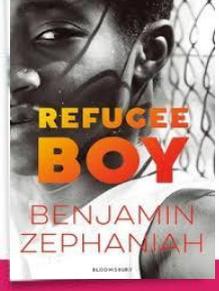
For pupils with a reading age of 10-12 years

What is it? Quest 5 & 6 uses high-interest texts that may well be on your core reading curriculum, such as Shakespeare, classics and poetry. Children are exposed to more advanced vocabulary and complete sustained writing activities. As with every Quest unit, this could be delivered by non-specialists as there are detailed lesson plans, stimulating activities and quality resources ready to use.

How do you use it? This level of the programme is often used as a bridging unit with up to full-size classes in lower sets to support children who are almost ready to access your school's GCSE curriculum offer. It is often taught by teachers.

What you get	Initial Programme Training	Start-Up Support and Mid- Programme	Cost of SfA Teaching Units
- 1 Term of Quest Level 5 (5 Units) - 1 Term of Quest Level 6 (4 Units)	Half a day training on how to use the Quest programme @£525.	Half a day @£525	9 SfA Quest Units @£60 each = £540
Total Cost of SfA Support, Training & Resources for Quest Pack Level 5 - 6 = £1590			

Typical texts and overview of skills: Quest 5 - 6

 	<p>Spelling: Much more complex suffixes, prefixes and further work on complex irregular spellings.</p>
 	<p>Reading: Children learn how to deduce and infer ideas and use quotations when responding to texts. They explore a writer's use of language and purpose as well as structure & organisation of text and viewpoints. There is also a focus on developing an understanding of the actions of the characters.</p>
	<p>Grammar: More advanced grammar skills such as brackets, dashes, relative clauses, sentence length, active & passive voice and cohesive devices in paragraphs are tackled.</p> <p>Writing: A variety of sustained writing tasks are included that enable children to hone their descriptive writing, persuasion skills or discursive writing skills.</p>

Multi-purchase Quest Pack Options

Save on training and support costs!

It is possible to blend two or three packages to create a fuller programme of support for a longer-term intervention, no extra training is required so *this is the most cost-effective option.*

	<i>Initial Programme Training</i>	<i>Start-Up Support and Mid-Programme</i>	<i>Cost of SfA Teaching Units</i>	<i>Total Cost of SfA Training and resources*</i>
Quest Levels 1 - 4	<i>Half a day training on how to use the Quest programme including half a day training on phonics and reading strategies at Quest Levels 1 & 2.</i> Full day @£1050	Half a day @£525	24 SfA Quest Units @£60 = £1440	= £3015
Quest Levels 3 - 6	<i>Half a day training on how to use the Quest programme.</i> Half a day @£525	Half a day @£525	18 SfA Quest Units @£60 = £1080	= £2130
All Quest Levels 1 - 6	<i>Half a day training on how to use the Quest programme including half a day training on phonics and reading strategies at Quest Levels 1 & 2.</i> Full day @£1050	Half a day @£525	33 SfA Quest Units @£60 = £1980	= £3555

Initial Programme Training:

This includes a detailed overview of the programme, modelling of core SfA teaching strategies and pedagogy, all provided by a dedicated SfA Implementation Partner (IP). All our Implementation Partners are experienced teachers/subject leads and will ensure that Quest is implemented effectively in your own school's context. If preferred this can also be done remotely and multi-school discounts are available.

Start-Up Support and Mid Programme Training:

This includes start-up advice, assessment and selection of pupils for Quest, unlimited phone calls/ emails and a 1.5-hour remote staff meeting that can be selected from the menu below. All provided by your dedicated IP throughout your one-year contract.

- Oral Language Development
- Reading Comprehension
- Question Types
- Goal and Target Setting
- Fluency
- Non-fiction Text Structures
- Advanced Reading Skills
- Clarifying skills
- Refresher Training

Optional Training:

You can decide to add additional half-day training sessions to your initial contract, at any point during the year. These additional sessions could be used for refresher training, new staff, phonics training, additional staff meetings or simply for advice and discussion on how to further develop the programme, onsite or remotely.

Curriculum Content Overviews:

You also receive a full *Curriculum Content Overview* for each Quest pack you purchase that identifies the reading, phonics/spelling, writing content for each text allowing you to monitor and track pupil progress. These units also map out opportunities to address issues of diversity, inclusion, equality and citizenship.

Additional Quest Units:

These are available at every level and are priced individually should you wish to expand your Quest curriculum at any time during your contract.

Beyond Year 1:

At the end of your one-year contract, you are under no obligation to purchase any further resources, training or support time. However, if you wish to further develop your practice and pedagogy you can, of course, continue to work with us and purchase additional support, training or materials.

Materials:

Every Quest Unit includes comprehensive lesson plans and resources housed in the student booklets which are supplied in both hard and digital copies.

Teacher Manual example

Student Booklet Example:

The image shows a page from a teacher manual titled 'Lesson One'. It includes sections for Learning Objectives, Learning Outcomes, Assessment Focus, Odd One Out activity, Spelling, Key Skill - Introduction, and Building Background. The page is designed to guide the teacher through the lesson plan.

The image shows a page from a student booklet titled 'Quest Activities One'. It includes instructions to work with a partner, a list of words (loud, confident, shy, rude) to be circled, and several questions (a, b, c, d, e) related to a story about Albert. The page is designed for student engagement and discussion.

Please note: * As a charitable organisation we are not permitted to sell commercial resources, therefore the cost of any real books required is not included in the above costings. One real book is required per pair for each unit, these can be sourced at around £5 per new book, you may already have these texts in school and some of our units do not require texts. We can also assist you in sourcing these books at a heavily discounted offer available through Peters <https://peters.co.uk/>. You are of course free to use your own provider.