Starter Checklist

| General | |
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| Read the handbook and watch the DVD | |
| Speak to other key staff in school to discuss planning and preparation, and practical details of delivery | |
| Speak to the pupil's parents about ways in which they can support you in delivering the programme | |
| Decide on when in the school day you will deliver the programme | |
| Decide whether you will deliver the programme in 1 x 40 minute session or 2 x 20 minute sessions | |
| Organise a space in school which you can use consistently to deliver the programme | |
| Print resources - e.g. planning and record forms | |
| Reading Strand | |
| Complete initial assessments | |
| Use the assessments to plan your first teaching session | |
| Collect a set of books at appropriate levels | |
| Practise taking a running record | |
| Gather together a set of useful resources - for example, flashcards for sight word teaching, Jolly Phonics materials, magnetic letters | |
| Language Strand | |
| Decide on a theme and target vocabulary to teach (you may decide to start with the language sessions provided but it is also advisable to make an early start on developing your own) | |
| Decide on activities for teaching target words | |
| Provide parents with a list of upcoming target words and resources they could provide to support you in teaching | |
| Gather together resources you need for teaching - pictures, objects and exercise books to use as topic books | |