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Ready for Reading? Pre-phonics training for EYFS practitioners

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Training Aims:

With an emphasis on high expectations in phonics outcomes in our schools, it is more important than ever that our youngest children are well prepared at the preschool stage. This Ready for Reading training is a highly practical course with heaps of practical ideas and simple suggestions that you can implement straight away. This is essential training for anybody working with 2, 3 and 4 year olds age group. The perfect foundation for any Phonics Programme introduced later on.

Attendees will join in with stories, songs and games, as well as having time to share ideas with colleagues and tap into the experience of an expert. Essential subject knowledge is paired with lots of active learning for a truly memorable experience, with great impact!

- Want perfectly prepared pre-schoolers who are ready for Reading at the start of Reception?
- Need easy ways to use fun songs, stories and games to build essential prereading skills?
- Looking for ways of building vocabulary fast, alongside pre-phonetic development?

Ready for reading is for you!

What you'll learn:

- What comes before phonics and why
- Where visual discrimination and visual memory fit into the wider phonics picture
- How to help children achieve essential attention and listening skills
- Why warming up our voices is a critical pre-phonetic skill, and how to do it
- How to teach rhyme and rhythm effectively, and how this supports phonics later on
- What phonemic awareness is and how to teach it
- When to introduce pre-phonetic skills through a carefully constructed progression so that all children are exceptionally well prepared to begin phonics at the beginning of Reception.

Venue:
The Village Hotel Dudley
Castlegate Drive
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 4TB
9.30am - 3.30pm

Please click on the QR code or the link below to book a place on the training:



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**COST:
FREE**

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