

Twinkl's Festival of Tutoring 2025 – Additional Links

Links in response to questions received during the dyslexia session are shown below.

Dyslexia Sparks also offer a FREE monthly parent support group which covers a range of topics and may be of interest:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dyslexiasparks/>

Literacy Interventions

Rather than make specific recommendations about interventions, we suggest you explore the available options and make decisions based on your individual circumstances and the needs of the majority of your learners. The following links include a range of guidance:

[What Works For Children With Literacy Difficulties? by Greg Brooks | PDF | Reading \(Process\) | Effect Size](#)

<https://interventionsforliteracy.org.uk/home/interventions/list-view/>

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/send>

Electronic Reading Pens

There are two main suppliers.

1. Scanning Pens

Scanning Pens are a leading supplier of electronic reading pens and used across many schools. The reader pen needs to be moved across the text to read aloud (or via headphones) the word or words. It is best suited for learners who need help with reading occasional words, rather than large passages of text.

The device has a simple visual interface to allow learners to navigate between options and customise the device.

The C-Pen is the most commonly used of their products and there is an exam version available which does not have the dictionary element which means that learners can use it within exams. For younger learners or those who need help with vocabulary, the dictionary element may be more appropriate.

Retail at around £300 (free trials available for educators)

<https://www.scanningpens.co.uk/>

2. Orcam Learn

The Orcam Learn Basic is a more technologically advanced device, originally designed for visually impaired. The device takes a photo of the text and converts this to spoken text. This allows bigger passages or pages of text to be read effectively, as well as other written information such as street signs. It is well-suited to learners who require more support with reading and whose skills are limiting their reading to a significant degree.

There is no visual interface which means users need to learn which buttons perform which functions in terms of reading modes and customisation. Headphones can be used. Can be used in exams.

Retails at around £580 (30-day money back guarantee if not suitable)

<https://www.orkam.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.thedyslexiashop.co.uk/products/orkam-learn>

Online Learning Websites/Apps

<https://www.wordshark.co.uk/>

<https://www.nessy.com/en-gb>

<https://keystagefun.co.uk/>

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

<https://www.dyslexia-codebreakers.co.uk/>

Spelling 'Tricky' and Shorter Words

<https://www.dyslexiaoutreach.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Visual-kinaesthetic-spelling-sheet.pdf>

<https://www.seetospell.com/>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Tricky-Spellings-Cartoons-Children->

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Morph-Mastery-Morphological-Intervention-Vocabulary/dp/0367420007>