



Year 1 ECT Week 28 bulletin

w/b Monday 1st May 2023

ECF focus of the week:

Implicitly and explicitly teaching vocabulary



Team Message

A message from the team

- Welcome to Week 28 of the programme! It is a shorter week than usual due to the May Bank Holiday weekend, which we hope you will all have enjoyed. Even better, we have another Bank Holiday to look forward to next week!
- In Week 28, almost all of you will have the opportunity to attend your first seminar of Module 5, the focus of which is **developing pupils' reading and writing**. The content of this seminar is excellent. Please note that attendance at seminars is a requirement of the programme, so attendance should be a priority. The seminars run in multiple locations on different days, so if you know you will be unable to attend on your assigned day, please do get in touch with Kate du Toit, who will offer you an alternative (k.dutoit@xaviercet.org.uk).
- ****SECONDARY ECTS – ACTION REQUIRED**** If you have not already done so, can you please urgently complete the Google form to let us know which subject hub you would like to attend for your second year seminars (i.e. for the 2023-24 academic year). Please click on the following link: [Year 2 subject hub](#). If we do not hear from you by **Friday 5th May**, we will assign you to the hub we think is most suitable to you, based on the information we currently hold. Many thanks.
- **Online drop-in clinic:** If you have any questions, concerns or feedback about any aspect of the ECF programme, please do login to the online drop-in clinic to speak with a member of the central team. The week 28 clinic is on **Thursday 4th May** from **3.30 – 4.00 p.m.** and is open to **ECTs, mentors and induction tutors**. The Zoom link is as follows:
 - Meeting ID: 823 9696 5842
 - Passcode: 208086
 - Link: [Login to clinic sessions](#)



Self-Directed Study

Self-directed study: Module 5 – How can you support all pupils to succeed?

- In Week 28 you should complete the section on Brightspace entitled **Developing reading and writing**. This will take a maximum of 45 minutes.



Your mentor

Mentor interaction

- In Week 28, your mentor will carry out a **10-minute drop-in observation**.

EARLY YEARS

- In Early Years, your mentor will consider whether you use the elements of sustained shared thinking (tuning in, showing genuine interest, asking children to elaborate, recapping, giving their own experience, clarifying ideas, using encouragement to extend thinking, suggesting, reminding, asking open questions, encouraging pupils to respond in full sentences).

PRIMARY/SECONDARY

- If you teach in a Primary or Secondary setting, your mentor will consider whether you
 - Model using the word multiple times during the lesson
 - Provide examples of what it means
 - Provide pupils with an opportunity to practise using the vocabulary independently, in pairs or in groups
 - Have vocabulary on display to support pupils using it, if appropriate
 - Hold high expectations, ensuring pupils use that vocabulary when they speak or write, correcting pupils where necessary.



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Message for your mentor

- In Week 28, as outlined above, your interaction with your ECT centres around implicitly and explicitly teaching vocabulary. Please refer to **page 79** in your mentor handbook. Please watch the mentor video [link here](#) (**11 mins long**) which summarises your ECT's self study for this week.
- MENTOR TRAINING:** Please find below a reminder of the dates and times of your upcoming Year 1 **Mentor Seminar 5** training. All 5 training sessions are identical, so please feel free to choose whichever session is most convenient to you. Please look out for the login links, which will be included in next week's bulletin. It is an **expectation** that **all mentors** will attend one of the five sessions on offer and we are required to register attendance. Please remember to complete the brief evaluation at the end of the seminar – many thanks.

| Date | Seminar facilitated by | Time |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tuesday 9 th May | St Mary's Primary | 4.00-5.00 pm online (Zoom) |
| Wednesday 10 th May | Esher High | 4.00-5.00 pm online (Zoom) |
| Thursday 11 th May | St Polycarp's | 4.00-5.00 pm online (Zoom) |
| Monday 15 th May | New Haw Community School | 4.00-5.00 pm online (Zoom) |
| Tuesday 16 th May | St John the Baptist | 4.00-5.00 pm online (Zoom) |



Message for your induction lead

- URGENT PROGRESS REVIEWS STILL OVERDUE** – Many thanks to all those who completed last term's progress reviews by the given deadline. However, there are 40 progress reviews out of 800+ left to be completed for the spring term. The deadline for this was 31st March. If you are unable to complete a progress review for any reason, please contact a.maingard@xaviercet.org.uk who will be able to help you.
- For anyone who missed it last week, we sent out an Induction tutor summer term checklist. We have attached it again this week. Please do email Sophie Hunter (s.hunter@xaviercet.org.uk) with any feedback about the checklist, if you would like to do so.
- As a Teaching School Hub, we also offer primary and secondary teacher training in the local area and were graded in our recent (Feb 2023) Ofsted as 'outstanding'. [Find our report here](#). If your school does not already work with us for ITT or is aware of someone keen to join the profession, please contact Chezelle Williams on c.williams@xaviercet.org.uk as we would love to hear from you.