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MODULE 1: SCIENCE OF READING OVERVIEW AND THE FOUNDATIONS OF STRUCTURED LITERACY

Learn how the reading brain works and how small tweaks to your teaching can lighten the load on working memory. Phonemic awareness is a key building block of literacy and one of the strongest predictors of reading success. In this module, you'll learn quick, simple and effective routines to build phonemic awareness without taking up too much instructional time. We'll also share a phonics scope and sequence that introduces sounds in a cumulative way, allowing for consistent daily review and long-term retention.

MODULE 2: TEACHING THE ALPHABET WITH A SPEECH TO PRINT FOCUS

In this module, we focus on four essential aspects of letters: their names, sounds, formation, and articulation—and how to teach each one effectively and efficiently. Say goodbye to the "letter of the week" approach! Instead, we'll show you how to give students meaningful practice with all 26 letters, right from the start. You'll also learn early blending techniques to help students begin reading sooner.

MODULE 3: SOUND WALLS AND ALPHABET ARCS

Learn how to set up a sound wall, introduce new sounds and use the sound wall as a powerful spelling and feedback tool. You will also learn how to incorporate the alphabet arc, a simple yet transformative resource that helps struggling students build stronger spelling skills.

MODULE 4: SOUND TO PRINT ACTIVITIES THAT STRENGTHEN NEURAL CONNECTIONS IN THE READING BRAIN

We'll show you how to help words truly 'stick' using orthographic mapping, teach tricky high-frequency words with the heart word method, and use simple review drills that help transfer literacy skills from working memory to long-term memory.

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MODULE 5: THE POWER OF DICTATION

This is one of the most powerful routines that teachers can use, not just for spelling practice, but to build real reading and writing fluency. Dictation brings together phonics, spelling, handwriting, grammar, syntax and punctuation and it's where you see what students really know!

In this module teachers will learn about 3 types of dictation: sound dictation, word dictation, sentence dictation. Each layer builds on the last and builds strong reading and spellers.

MODULE 6: USING DECODABLE TEXT IN SMALL GROUPS

Simple yet effective assessment can guide teachers in creating small groups that group students by skill, thus enabling the correct level of intervention. Teachers will be shown how to use the Raising Readers decodable texts to review learned phonic patterns and spelling generalisations, phoneme - grapheme mapping practise and direct morphology instruction, building fluent confident readers.

MODULE 7: UNDERSTANDING SPELLING

Knowing the spelling system in depth empowers teachers to teach spelling by connecting sound to print. In this module, you'll receive a complete set of spelling rules used in structured literacy instruction— making spelling more explicit, consistent, and teachable.

"How do you spell the sound you hear?" is our favourite catch phrase!

MODULE 8: UNDERSTANDING SYLLABLES

Learn about the power of open and closed syllables that give students the tools they need to decode and read over 60% of two-syllable words in English. We'll introduce vowel flexing and explain the schwa (or 'lazy vowel') sound, helping students navigate pronunciation shifts in English.

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MODULE 9: BUILD DEEPER WORD KNOWLEDGE THROUGH EXPLICIT, SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION IN MORPHOLOGY

In this module, you'll learn how to teach morphemes—the smallest units of meaning—in a way that is both engaging and grounded in the Science of Reading. We'll show you how to connect phonology (sound) with morphology (meaning and structure), equipping students with powerful word analysis skills that enhance both decoding and vocabulary.
Morphological awareness is a critical skill for developing readers and a game-changer for older students who struggle with multisyllabic words.

MODULE 10: WAYS TO BRING STRUCTURED LITERACY INTO THE CLASSROOM
Module 10 is available only once 1- 9 modules have been completed.

In this session, we will share practical strategies and work with your specific classroom needs to help you start integrating Structured Literacy tools effectively. We'll cover how to assess and group students for targeted small group instruction, adapt classroom displays to support Structured Literacy routines, use ready-made templates for mapping activities, and adjust your phonics scope and sequence to align with evidence-based practices.

COSTS

MODULES: R1950 per module
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NOTES: R150 per person per module

Travel costs will apply for schools located outside of Johannesburg.

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