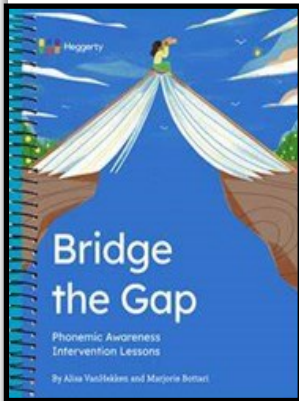


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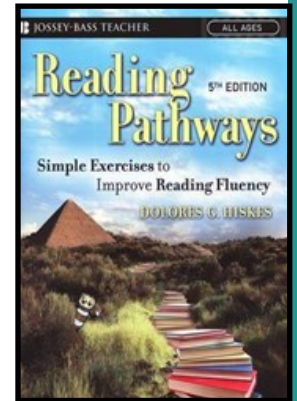
Targeted Teaching of Reading



For our first sizzling spotlight in 2022 our focus is all about our **Targeted Teaching of Reading program**. The purpose of this program is to offer 3 x 30-minute targeted reading teaching for students to develop their foundation reading skills. These foundation skills are based on reading fluency, phonemic awareness and phonics.



At Mareeba SS, we focus our foundation reading skills program on the evidenced based resources 'Bridge the Gap' and 'Reading Pathways'. Using the research and evidenced based activities from these two resources, we are providing our students with the opportunity to continue to practice their skills and master the foundation so reading.



What does a targeted teaching lesson look like?

- ✓ Each lesson begins with short phonemic awareness activities from the text 'Bridge the Gap'.
- ✓ The next section of the lesson is based on oral and written activities from the text 'Reading Pathways' and is determined by the students needs. For example, if the students require targeted teaching of short vowel sounds, this section of the lesson would be focused on practicing short vowel sounds.
- ✓ By the third lesson of the week, students are completing activities faster and with increased confidence



Where does the targeted teaching happen, which students are involved and who teaches it?

Targeted Teaching takes place each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in our Student Service HUB. The sessions are run by trained staff who have worked hard this year to perfect their skills in teaching reading. In term 1, our Targeted Teaching is provided to students in years 2, 3 & 4. The student year levels and groups will change each term.

