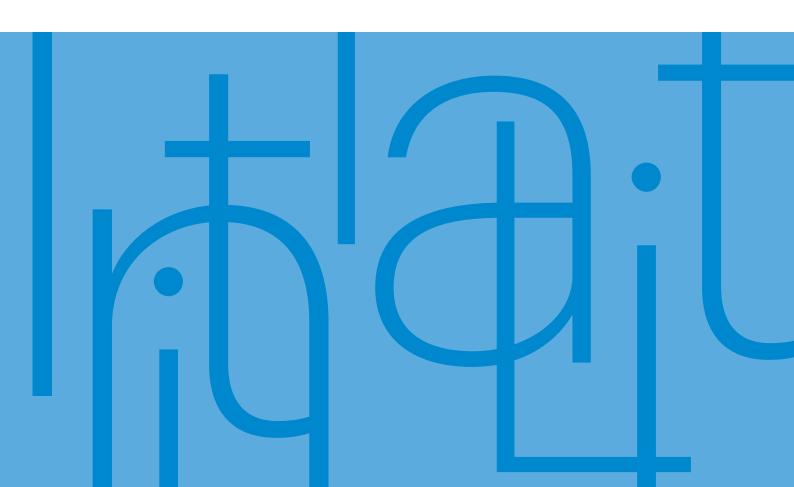
## **InitiaLit**

Year 1

whole-class initial instruction in literacy





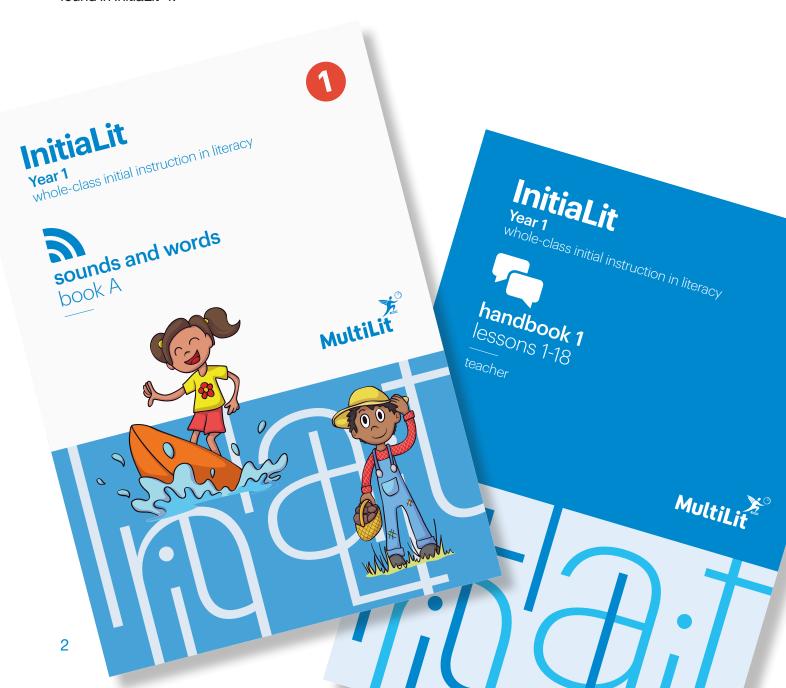


#### What is InitiaLit?

InitiaLit is a comprehensive three-year beginning literacy program for all children. It begins with InitiaLit–Foundation, which is for children in their first year of schooling. In InitiaLit–F, children learn how to read and spell regular CVC, CCVC and CVCC words as well as words with some digraphs. Important core foundations about reading and spelling are laid during this critical year.

In InitiaLit–1, children will extend their knowledge to the advanced alphabetic code and consolidate their reading and spelling skills. In InitiaLit–2, the focus will move to reading fluency and comprehension as children will now be confidently and accurately 'lifting words off the page', allowing their cognitive energy to be directed to higher-order skills.

In this sample pack, you will find snapshots and a brief explanation of the resources that can be found in InitiaLit-1.



#### What does the InitiaLit-1 lesson look like?

There are three parts to the InitiaLit lesson:

- 1. Explicit whole-class phonics lesson on the mat
- 2. Teacher-led reading groups and independent work for consolidation
- 3. Storybook lesson using quality children's literature

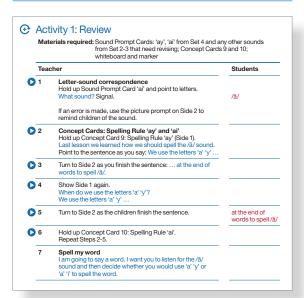
#### 1. Explicit whole-class phonics lesson: 25-30 minutes

InitiaLit–Foundation introduced children to the basic alphabetic code and how to apply it to reading and spelling. InitiaLit–1 now extends children's knowledge to the advanced alphabetic code and consolidates their reading and spelling skills. Children are taught each skill explicitly, with ongoing revision and progress monitoring built into the program.

There are 131 scripted lessons provided in eight Handbooks. PowerPoint slides accompany each lesson. Each lesson has four to six phonemic, reading and spelling activities.

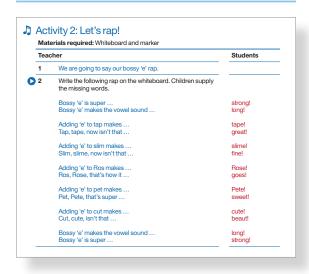
A small selection of the types of activities used in InitiaLit–1 are shown below and on the following pages.

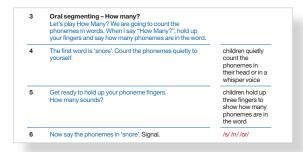
Each lesson begins with a review of previously learned concepts.



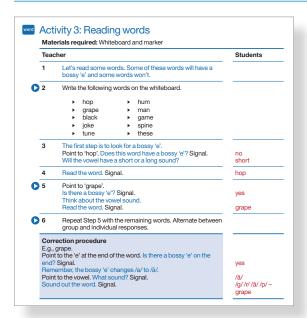
Phonemic activities are done in the context of preparing children for reading and spelling words with target graphemes.

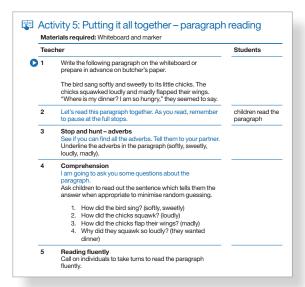
Songs, chants and actions help children remember sounds and concepts and keep them engaged.



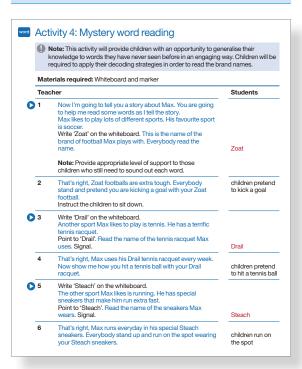


#### Children will have plenty of practice reading words in isolation and in context.





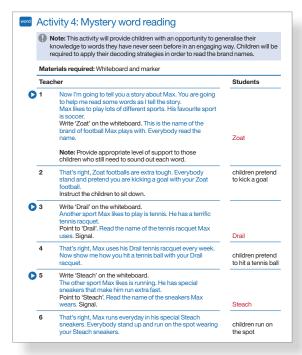
Non-word reading is used in some lessons to check children can read unfamiliar words.



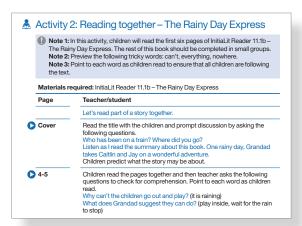
Children will be introduced to the concept of a base word and suffix, and will learn some useful morphemes.

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1	We have learned different suffixes. Who can tell me a suffix that we have learned? Call on individual child to respond. (s, ed, ing, er, y, ly) Write each suffix on the whiteboard.	
	For each suffix, offer an example of a word with the suffix, then ask the children to tell their partner another word with the same suffix.	
	Children have been taught the following suffixes:  - s (cats, runs)  - ing (eating, whispering)  - ed (cooked, lifted, salled)  - er (builder, harder)  - y (dusty, bumpy)  - ly (softly, loudly)	
2	Write the suffix 'ly' on the whiteboard. We see the suffix 'l' 'y' at the end of lots of adverbs. What does an adverb do? Let's see if we can remember.	
3	Concept Card Hold up Concept Card 27: Adverbs (Side 1). Adverbs add more information to verbs. They can describe the way we do things. Point to the words 'An adverb' as you say: An adverb	

#### Grammatical concepts and the features of print are introduced.



There will be opportunities to read from InitiaLit Readers, working on fluency. This can be followed by a writing task.

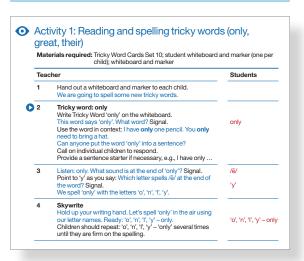


# Activity 3: Writing Materials required: Exercise books and pencils Children talk about a train trip they have been on (or would like to go on), and then write two or more sentences independently using the following sentence starters. I went on a train to ... I saw ... Children read their sentences aloud. Remind children about Super Sentences using the Concept Poster: Super Sentences. Children can draw a picture to illustrate their sentences.

Children will write words and sentences with the target sound.

	tation erials required: Student whiteboards and markers or exercise b	ook and pencil (one	
per child); whiteboard and marker  Teacher		Students	
1	Hand out a whiteboard and marker or exercise book and pencil to each child.  Let's write some words with our new trigraph for the sound /air/.  We will use the letters 'a' 'i' 'r' to spell /air/.  Which letters? Signal.	'a' 'î' 'r'	
2	The first word is 'hair'. What word? Signal. I brush my hair every day.	hair	
3	Say the phonemes in 'hair' with me. Hold up a finger for each phoneme. Ready: /h/ /air/.	children hold up fingers as they say /h/ /air/	
4	How many phonemes? Signal. How many Sound Boxes do we need? Signal. Everybody draw two Sound Boxes on your whiteboard. Draw two Sound Boxes on the whiteboard to demonstrate.	two two children draw two Sound Boxes	
5	Write Now, write 'hair' in your Sound Boxes. Say the sounds as you write. Remember to put the letters 'a' 'i' 'r' in one box. Monitor children's work.	children write 'hair' in their Sound Boxes	
6	Check Watch me write 'hair' in my Sound Boxes. Write 'hair', saying the sounds as you write. Underline 'air'. Check your work and underline the trigraph for /air/. Show me your work. Boards up.	children check their work and hold up boards	
7	Repeat Steps 2-6 for the following words, putting each word in an oral sentence. Remind children that all the words will use the letters 'air' to spell /air/.		
	chair, stair		
8	Sentence dictation Let's write a sentence. Listen. We ran up the stairs quickly. Say the sentence with me. Hold up a finger for each word you say. Signal. We ran up the stairs quickly.  How many words? Signal.	children hold up fingers as they say We ran up the stairs quickly. six	
9	Now write the sentence. Remember to spell /air/ with the letters 'a' 'i' 'r'. Say each word as you write. Dictate the sentence, two words at a time. Monitor children's work.	children say each word as they write	

Children will learn 80 high-frequency words with irregular or less-common spelling patterns.

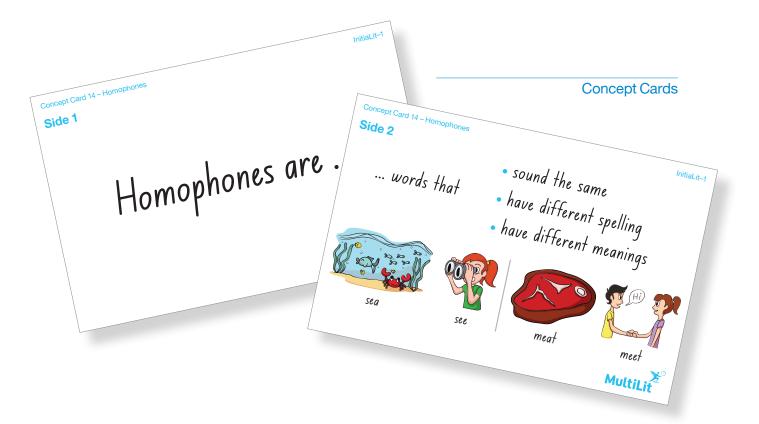


Below and overleaf is a snapshot of some of the resources used during the whole-class lesson.





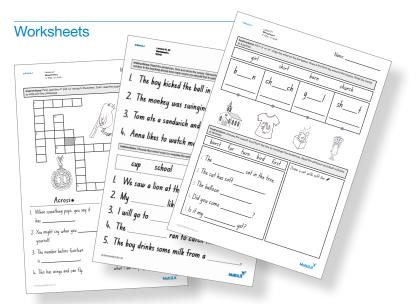
#### **Concept Posters and Spelling Posters**

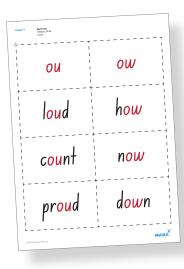


#### 2. Consolidation and small-group work: 40 minutes

Independent and teacher-led small-group activities follow the lesson on the mat. These activities will consolidate the skills taught in the lesson, providing further practice. A list of recommended activities has been provided for this part of the lesson.

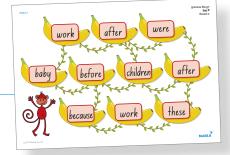
Below is a snapshot of the worksheets, games and other activities that can be used for further practice and consolidation. All supporting resources are included to download from the Members' Area of the MultiLit website.

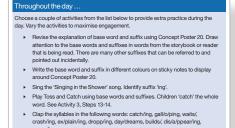




Word sorts





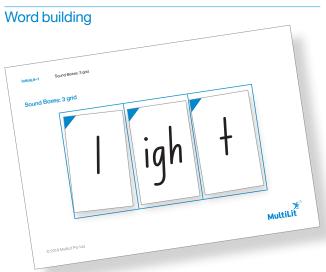


Throughout the day ideas are provided for distributed practice.



Handwriting worksheets

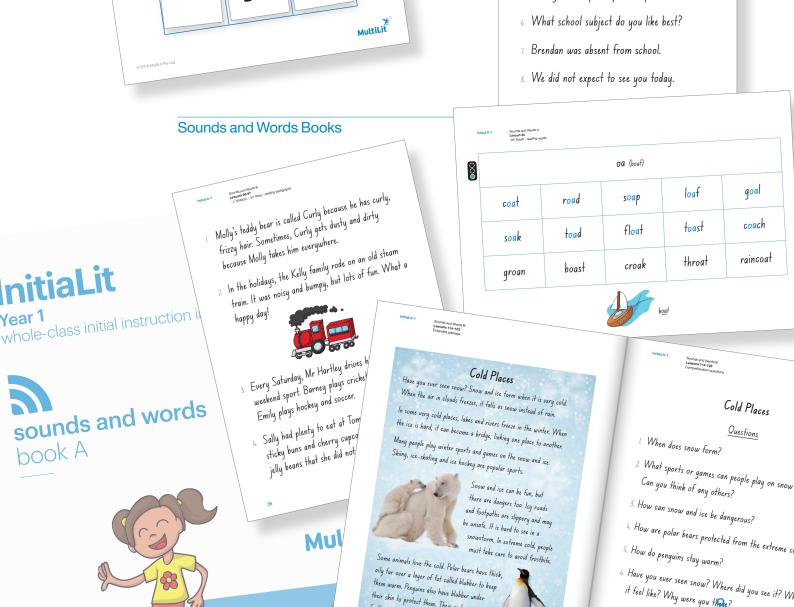
Teacher-led reading group activities include the use of the InitiaLit Readers aligned to the progression of skills, the Sounds and Words Books, as well as word building using letter tiles and sound boxes.





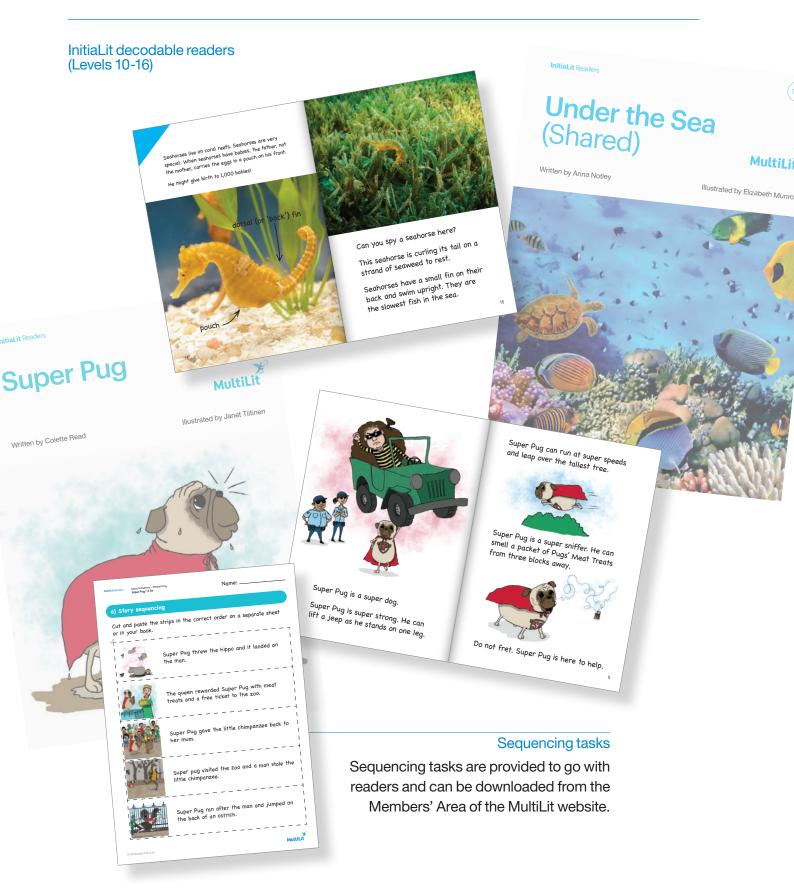
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varm. Penguins also have blubber under

their skin to protect them. Their waterproof feathers trap warm air, which helps to keep out



#### 3. Shared Storybook Reading: 20-25 minutes

The Shared Storybook component of InitiaLit–1 works on oral language and listening comprehension, while also fostering specific vocabulary growth. Lessons to accompany 25 storybook titles are provided, including four teaching sessions for each book, plus a linked writing task and a creative activity.

#### Session 1

The storybook is read to the children straight through. Three interesting words are highlighted briefly. Session 1 focuses on making predictions, listening comprehension and story summarising.



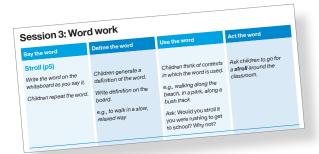


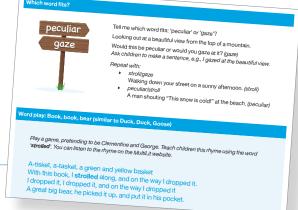


#### Session 2

In Session 2, the book is reread and questions are asked every couple of pages. The target vocabulary words are also revisited and classified by their part of speech, using the Helpful House of Words poster.

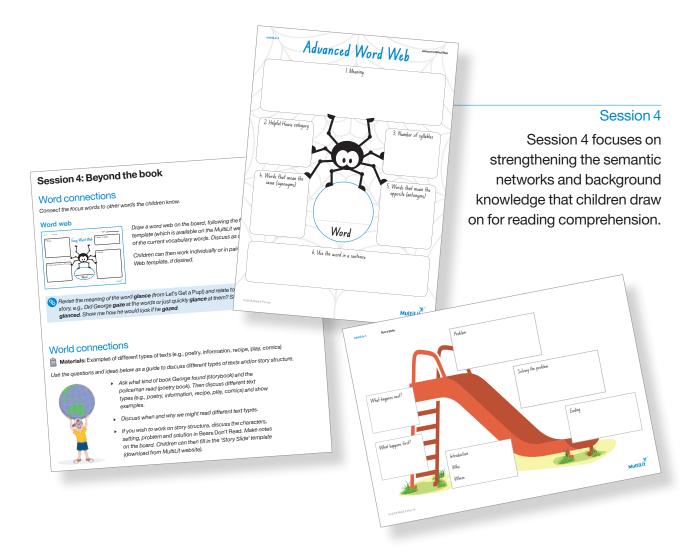






#### Session 3

The three vocabulary items are worked with more extensively, without rereading the story. Session 3 focuses on building vocabulary depth, while working with the words in a playful way.



#### Writing task and getting creative

The writing tasks cover the three main types of text (imaginative, persuasive and informative). The writing lesson is carefully scaffolded and all necessary templates and instructions are provided.



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Look at pages 31-32 of the book again and discuss how the animals in the story hid by blending into their Look at pages 31-32 of the book again and discuss how the animals in the story hid by blending into their background. Discuss the term 'camouflage'. Use books or pictures to explore how many animals (e.g., background. Discuss the term 'camouflage' to blend into their surroundings in real polar bear, chameleon, octopus, stick insect, etc) use camouflage to blend into their surroundings in real life and talk about why. Then do the following activity:

#### Create a camouflage artwork



- Camouflage animals template (download from MultiLit website)
- Paper (A5 size)
- Pencils
- Crayons/oil pastels
- Scissors
- Glue

Children draw pencil lines across their A5 background paper Children draw pencil lines across their A5 background paper to divide it into interesting shaped sections. They colour in the sections using blocks of colour. Children then choose an animal (chameleon or octopus) from the template and colour it in using similar blocks of colour. They can make the sections stand out by drawing thick black lines between them. When children cut out and alue their animal onto the background, it w by drawing unck black lines between them. When critical out and glue their animal onto the background, it was a first or an increase of the background. camouflaged!





### Monitoring student progress

The assessment procedures in InitiaLit–1 will enable teachers to identify struggling children early. Progress Monitoring tests, Cumulative Reviews and spelling tests are scheduled at regular intervals throughout the year. Teachers will be able to use data entered into a Class Record to put early intervention in place.

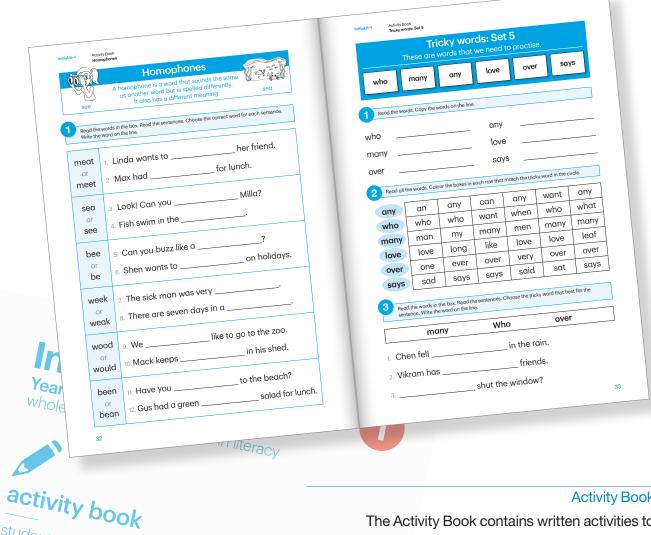


#### Additional resources

There are some additional resources that accompany different elements of the InitiaLit–1 program. These resources are optional consumables that will supplement instruction and provide opportunities for children to practice their newly acquired skills across a range of activities.



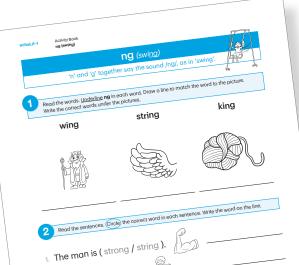
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#### **Activity Book**

The Activity Book contains written activities to consolidate concepts taught in the whole-class lesson. It may be used as an alternative to the downloadable worksheets.





#### Home Reading Diary

Children are encouraged to read regularly at home and keep a record in their Home Reading Diary. There is a different Home Reading Diary for each term. Children can also complete a range of activities in the Diary to reinforce and develop skills like fluency and Tricky Word knowledge.





#### Find out more

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