

For the past year and a half I have been a tutor, teaching Toe by Toe, Stride Ahead and Stareway to Spelling. I work daily on a one to one basis with 11 students of all ages and levels.

I have a special needs student with high needs who has been put on the programme as a trial to see if it would be suitable. The student has developed fantastic reading skills and as she has learnt the correct letter sounds, her speech has improved as well.

I have seen students who have no confidence, low reading and comprehension levels and little interest in their learning, over time become independent readers. Their confidence improves, their behaviour and learning in the classroom changes.

These programmes are suitable for children, teenagers and adults that have reading difficulties.

I feel so honoured and proud to be able to use these programmes to help students to thrive.

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