

Rising Stars Mathematics Case Study



School: Tennyson Road Primary School

Location: Luton

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Why did you choose *Rising Stars Mathematics*?

As an outstanding school we have the highest expectations of our pupils and only use the best quality materials. We expect our teachers to think for themselves and to plan tailored lessons to meet the needs of our children. *Rising Stars Mathematics* is the ideal resource to complement our teachers' lesson activities and shape our delivery of an outstanding mastery curriculum. It makes the new curriculum really accessible and provides a secure framework to plan from, as well as challenging, fun and engaging activities which ensure that children are taught problem solving and reasoning skills throughout.

We wanted to stay up to date with the changes in education and Rising Stars always seem to be ahead of the game when it comes to developing new materials. We need resources that can be used easily by our fantastic staff and which provide rich learning opportunities for our children. We have always resisted using a scheme as such, because we believe in our teachers' ability to tailor the curriculum for the needs of their class. *Rising Stars Mathematics* is a flexible resource that could either be dipped into or to provide a strong framework for teachers needing more guidance.

How are you using *Rising Stars Mathematics*?

We use the Textbooks on a daily basis with our older children, usually for differentiated group or independent work. Our younger classes use the Practice Books more often as they are easily accessible for our slower readers and EAL children. We particularly like the open-ended challenges and investigations suggested in the Textbooks which give ideas to ensure complete mastery of a concept by applying it in a new context.

What are the benefits of *Rising Stars Mathematics*?

Rising Stars Mathematics has saved countless hours of searching the internet for high quality resources and hours of planning time in putting resources together to make a coherent sequence of lessons. It has enabled us to differentiate effectively and to include a good amount of problem solving in our questioning.

Final comments

I would recommend *Rising Stars Mathematics* to another school as it has just the right amount of content, it is underpinned by the fundamental ideas behind the new curriculum and it is not too prescriptive.