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READING MADE EASY BOOKS RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE USE

The final book for Reading Made Easy Level 1, book 1E, was launched in December. By the end of Book 1E children were able to recognise single letter sounds using 25 out of 26 letters of the alphabet and they knew over 130 sight words. They were also familiar with basic punctuation, simple word classes, syllables and both short and long-vowel sounds.

Researchers analysing the data from our Early Grade Reading Assessments conducted back in July delivered their much anticipated draft paper. The title of the paper is "Does Working with the Reading Made Easy Books Significantly Increase a Child's Ability to Learn to Read in English". After testing 55 pupils in grade 2 and 3, results were in and researchers found that the pilot study had already showed a positive result. They are recommending the books for future use on a larger scale.

"There is sufficient evidence to suggest that an association exists between using the Reading made Easy books and a decrease in the proportion of zero scores. These results hold true regardless of gender or grade of the pupil This pilot study clearly showed a positive effect from using the Reading Made Easy books. As such, the Reading Made Easy books are recommended for future use and on a larger scale. " Joseph Venezia, Senior Data Analyst

Our work with the reading made easy workshops has been an absolute pleasure. We are delighted that all of the ground work we have laid over the past 3-years is finally translating into concrete measurable outcomes. We have worked closely with pupils, teachers, parents and the community to make this programme one that truly represents the potential of the children it is designed to service.

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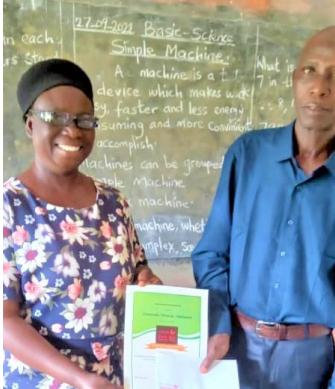
Book 1E

word classes
syllables
long vowels
and endings





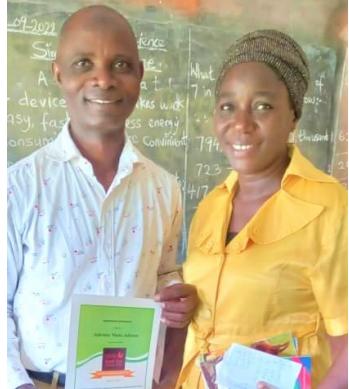
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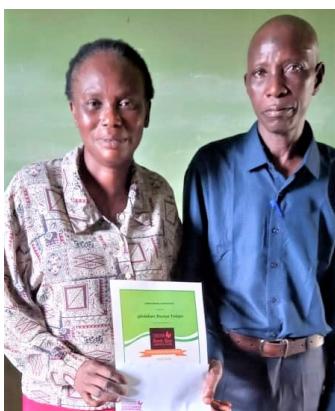
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Where there are great pupils there are usually great teachers and we want to make sure that the great teachers in Ona-Ara are recognised and rewarded for their efforts. For the second time we awarded our Book Box Library Club Super Mentor awards just before the Christmas break. Seven teachers were recognised for going above and beyond the call of duty to support children with their reading and literacy. Each "Super Mentor" received a ₦5000 prize along with a BBLC Super Mentor certificate.

We also are delighted to announce that we have a new supporter in First Bank Nigeria. We ended the year with the amazing news that First Bank were donating ₦8million towards our work with children's literacy. Thank you to Folake Ani-Mumuney, Group Head of Marketing and Corporate Communications at First Bank, for making this happen.

A very BIG thank you to all of our donors. Our work would not be possible without you.