

## **Early Start – Literacy and Numeracy**

Early Start is a suite of literacy and numeracy materials developed to support teachers to monitor student progress in Prep to Year 2. Prep has two data collections, one at the start of the year and another in the last four weeks of school. Year One and Year Two only have one data collection at the end of school. The Willows State School Years Prep to Year 2, is currently participating in the Early Start data collection.

Early Start provides information on the literacy and numeracy progress of individual students, class and year level cohorts, identifying for teachers students' strengths and challenges , supporting teachers to differentiate learning for all students. Early Start reports on consistent data sets that have been specifically aligned to the Queensland curriculum.

Across all three years, the Literacy tasks focus on reading, reading comprehension, phonological knowledge, word knowledge, and story writing. The Numeracy tasks focus on number and place value, financial maths, probability and statistics, spatial reasoning, patterns, calculations, fractions measurement and geometry.

This data will provide invaluable data for planning for next year, with a direct starting point for planning to progress student literacy and numeracy learning. It will enable teachers and schools to target literacy and numeracy skills for small groups, the whole class and the whole of year level. It will support differentiation and focuses on explicit teaching.

Early Start data gives a concise picture for the whole cohort.

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