

## **Beginning Literacy**

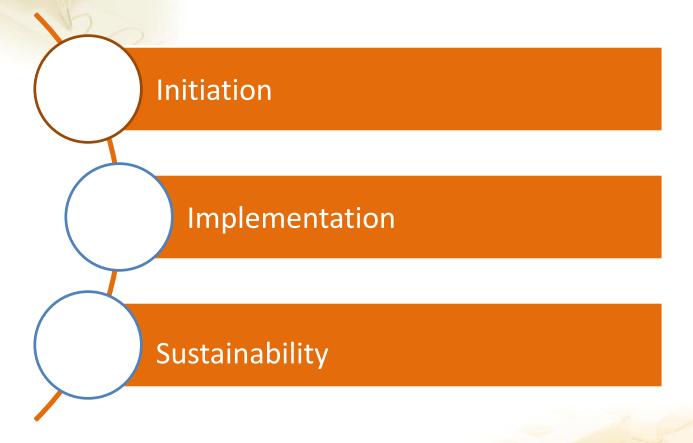
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## Centre of School Development (CSD)

- Primary emphasis
  - introduce innovation and provide advisory services to schools at all school levels (teachers, leaders, other school professionals, and district offices (Local Education Authorities LEAs)
  - provide consultation for school development, and short and long term improvement projects – often in partnership with LEAs
  - organise professional development courses for school staff
  - research on educational practice and organising annual conferences
- A leading role (nationally) in developing literacy education

# A school development model



## **Beginning Literacy**



Pioneered by Rósa Eggertsdóttir in four schools in 2004-2006.

A balanced literacy approach.

**BL** moodle

Facebook groups

# The PD programme – an overview I

Teachers – year one	Teachers – year two
<ul> <li>Two days course in August</li> <li>Five workshops over the school year</li> <li>Eight classroom observations</li> </ul>	<ul><li>One day course in August</li><li>Five workshops</li><li>Six classroom observations</li></ul>

Both years: Regular year group meetings – Regular key stage meetings – Access to Moodle – Literacy materials – Practical handbook – DVD – BL newsletter

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Both years: All materials teachers get and materials used in workshops — Leadership material — Run most workshops for teachers, supported by CSD consultants

## The PD programme – an overview II

#### The CSD consultants

- Always conduct in-service days in June and August
- Visit each school twice a year, visit classrooms, meet with teachers, leaders and head-teacher
- Regular contact with leaders in each school
- Phone/Skype meetings with the leaders

#### The head-teachers

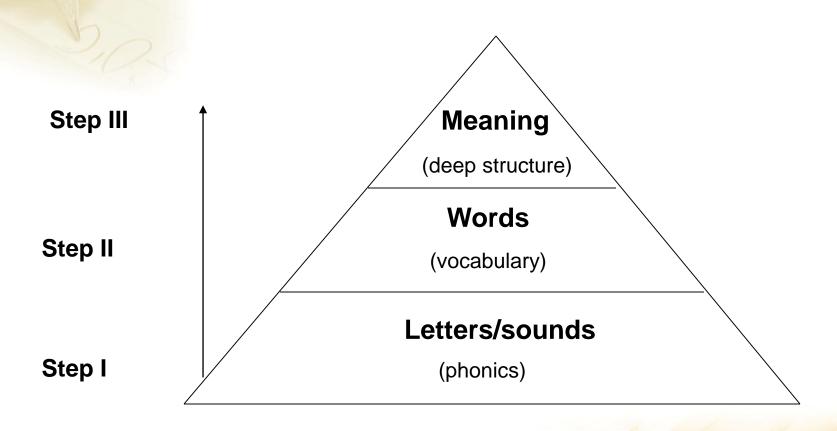
- No planned involvement so far
- Organise the initial introduction to staff
- Oversee the formal agreement with SDC at UNAK
- Meet with the consultants when they visit the schools
- Expected to support the implementation process and BL teachers involved, and meet regularly with the school's development leader

### BL – the basic elements

- Comprehensive literacy learning.
- Texts and activities with meaning for the pupils.
- Collaboration and dialouges between the pupils.
- Helpful strategies for comprehension and vocabulary learning.
- Explicit and visible aims and formative assessment, closely linked to teaching and learning.
- Focus on inclusion the learning needs of all pupils are met in the classroom.
- Focus on scaffolding.
- The pupils' learning success has a strong relation with the quality of the school work.



## Bottom-up model

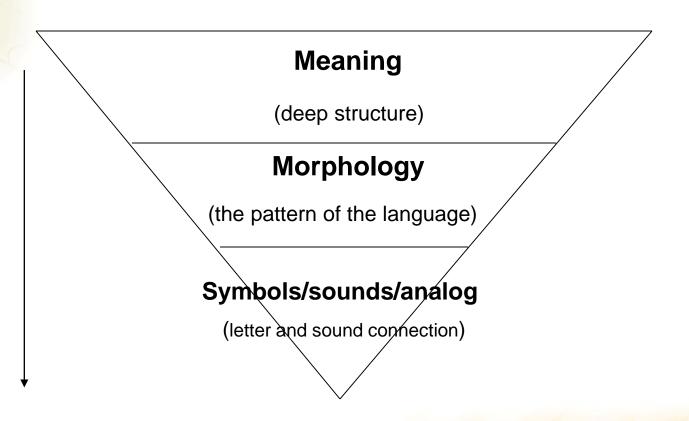


## Top-down model

Step I

Step II

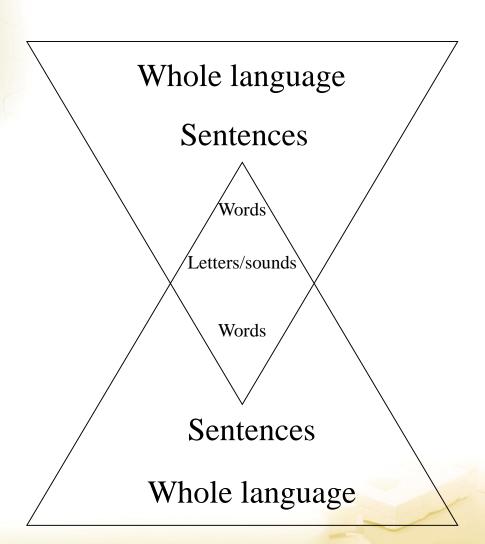
Step III



## Beginning Literacy – Interactive model

Analytical

Synthetic

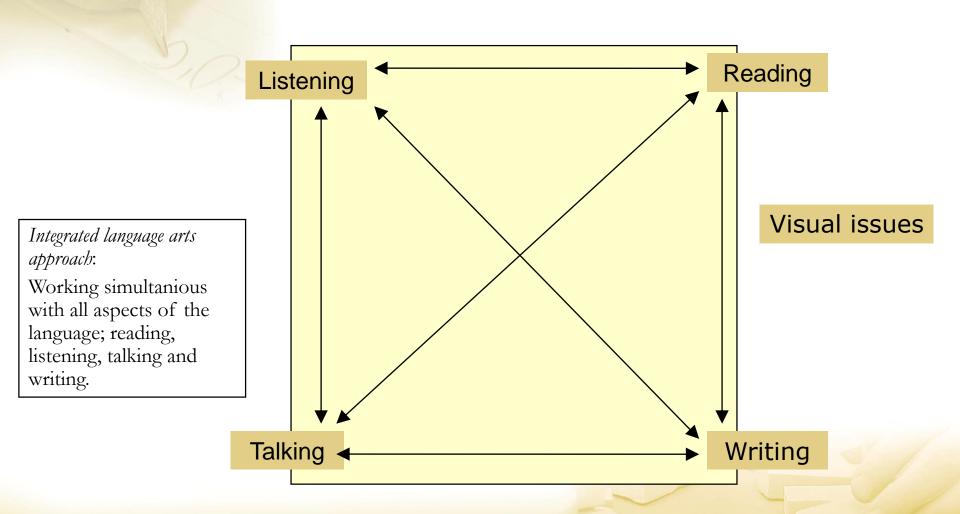


#### Interactive model:

Falls in between the bottom-up and top-down models and takes the best from both models. The reader relies simultaneously on knowledge and skills with vocabulary, orthography, meaning and syntax.

(Rósa Eggertsdóttir, 2007).

# Beginning Literacy: Balanced literacy approach



#### Beginning literacy

Phase 1: Content of the text. Whole class

Real text Reading aloud, recalling, shared reading, study of print

Phase 2: Technical aspects of literacy study. Whole class, groups.

Analytical and synthetic tasks

Phonemic awareness, study of print, letter, word parts, words....

Phase 3: Reconstruction of text. Groups, individuals

Guided reading, independent reading Writing of words and sentences New thoughts, texts written



## **Beginning Literacy on Youtube**

# Phase 1: Whole text, reading aloud, summarising and shared reading

Reading starts with predicting the story from the cover of the book, explaining chosen issues and then the teacher read the story to the pupils.

**Second reading** 

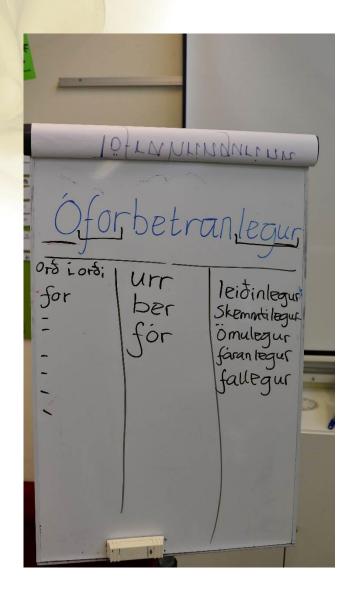




# Phase 2 – Technical aspects of literacy – analytical and synthetic phonics tasks

Working with keyword - Examples of activities:

- pupils put separate letters in order to create the keyword and then write it in their books
- pupils find words within the keyword and make new words by rearranging letters,
   and writing the words in their books
- pupils find related words, synonyms or similar words, e.g. by adding different stems to the same prefixes or suffixes
- pupils classify words based on their own ideas







### Parallel work stations

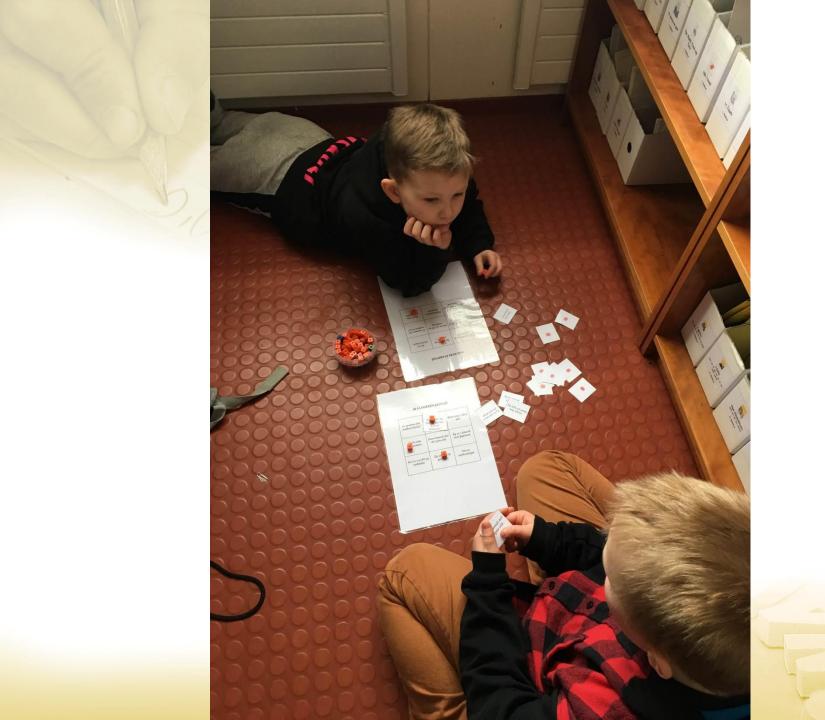
- 1. Reciting (picture on slide 19)
- 2. Pictures and sentences from the story (video links and pictures on slide 20)
- 3. Acting out words (picture on slide 21)
- 4. Bingo (picture on slide 22)
- 5. Give and take (picture on slide 23)
- 6. Spelling (picture on slide 24)
- 7. Reading for pleasure (picture on slide 25)
- 8. Words on cards (videolink and picture on slide 26)
- 9. The story in Puppet Pals (picture on slide 27)



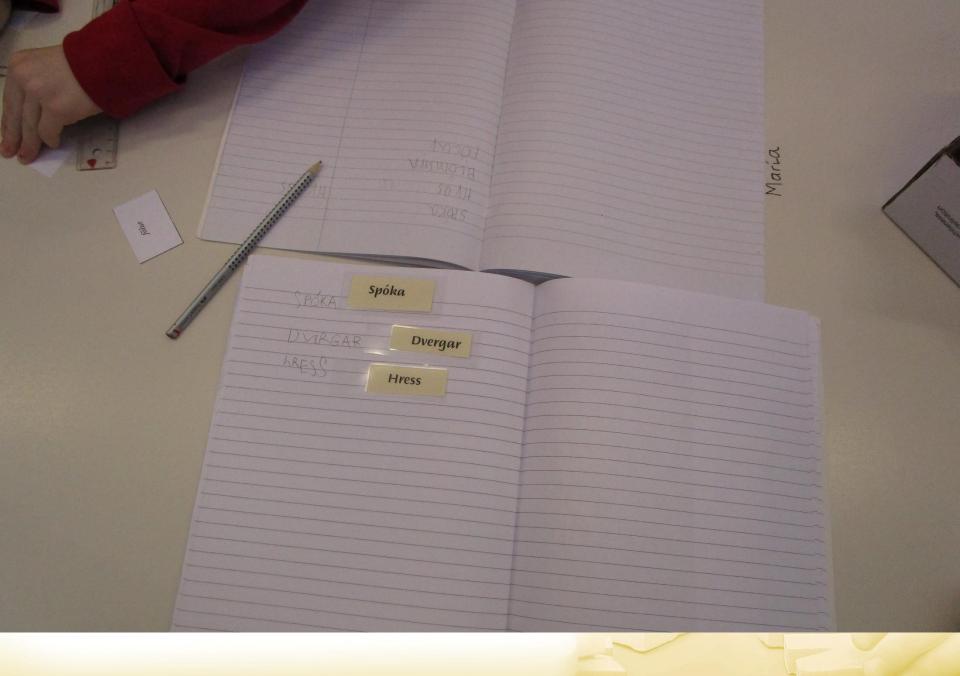


















### Phase 3 – Reconstructing text

- The focus is on whole texts and the reconstruction of meaning.
- Pupils build their own texts using the vocabulary and reading skills they learned in phases one and two.
- Pupils are encouraged to express their own ideas, compose their own texts, write stories, plays or poems, draw a concept map or interpret a text by means of drawing.







Story road 1 – Aren't I Handsome?



# Story road 2 – Aren't I Handsome?



# Story road 3 – Aren't I Handsome?



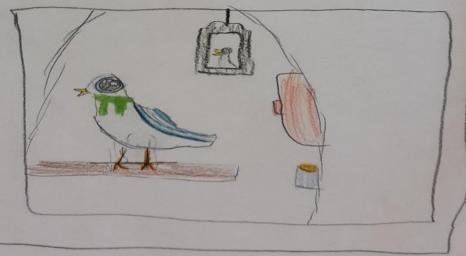
# Story road 4 – Aren't I Handsome?





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