



# Hooked on Books

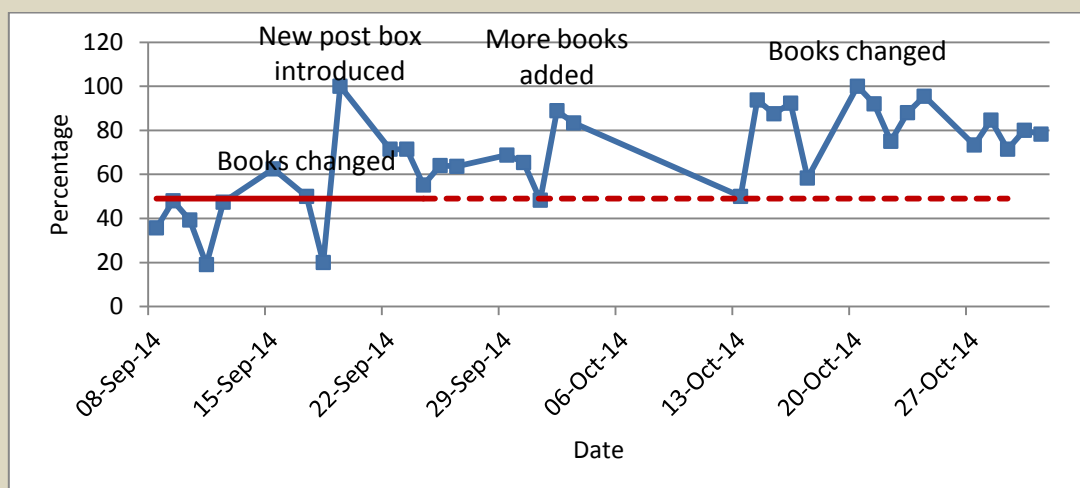


**Aim:** *To enrich children's exposure to literature and inspire them to become "Hooked on Books" through quality sharing of books within the nursery setting*

Hooked on Books encourages children, predominately 3 and 4 year olds attending partner provider nurseries, to self select reading as an activity independent of adults.

The project was piloted in 1 partner provider nursery in East Lothian and is now being scaled up across a further 5 partner nurseries.

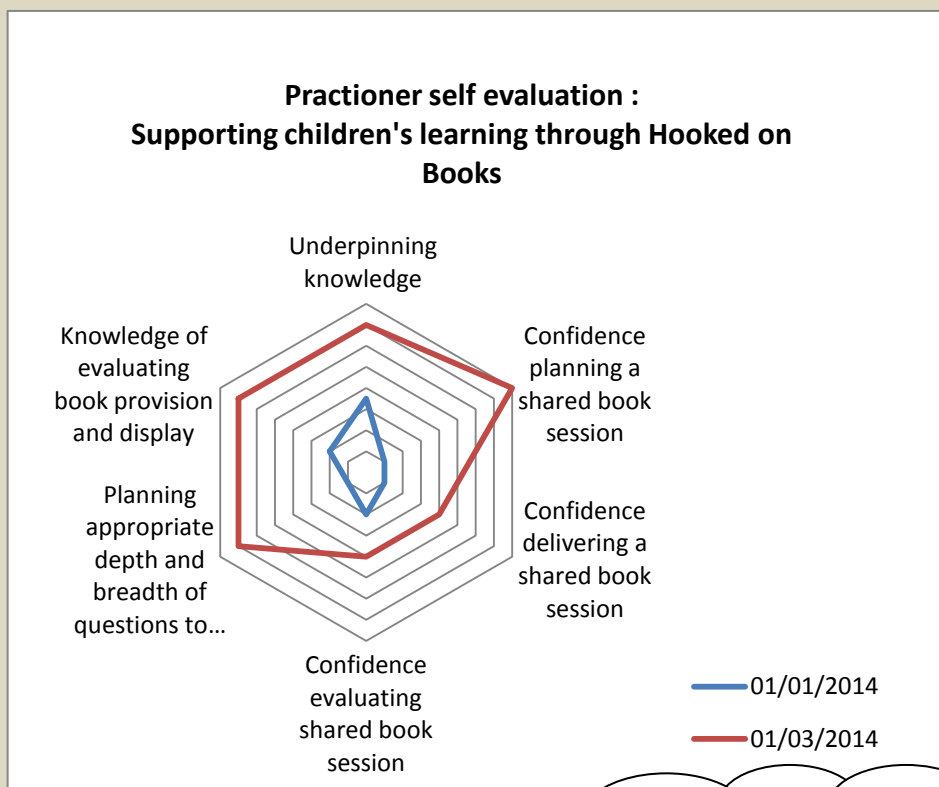
Originally adults took responsibility for recording the number of children who visited the book corner.



However, given the information is simple to record, this task has now moved to the children. As the chart shows, the children stamp a purple dot to indicate a visit to the Book area.

### Outcomes:

- Numbers of children regularly self selecting reading as an independent activity has increased by more than 50%
- Practitioner knowledge and understanding of the importance of planning quality shared book times has increased by more than 50%



Before we would just read a story and put it away. Now everyone is more aware of what children really get out of books and reading.

Now we use questions, intonation, add props. We think all the time about the Book area. Collecting the data we can see at a glance when the children are losing interest and we need to change the area with the children.