



Returning to Talk Programmes 2025/26

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Primary English and Literacy Team Returning to Talk Programmes 2025/26



The Primary English and Literacy Team are offering Talk Programme CPD days for schools who have engaged with Talk Programmes since 2017. As a valued customer of Talk Programmes, we are offering you the opportunity to sign up for identified CPD days for special prices.

The offer is to support schools

- for teachers moving year groups
- as a refresher for specific units, or
- for teachers that are new to Talk Programmes within a school that are using the approaches.

Schools can sign up for **one or two CPD days per year group** as part of this offer.

Contact Senior Consultant for Primary English and Literacy nicola.martin@lancashire.gov.uk if further information is required.

Talk One

CPD Day 1 - £135

7th October 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Junction 4 Skatepark, Darwen, BB3 0AL (Next to Darwen Vale School)

- CPD Day 1 includes an exemplified narrative unit of work (6-7 weeks) with integrated poetry and non-fiction approaches, to be delivered in the autumn or spring term, with a comprehensive resource pack. The focus text is *Supertato* by Sue Hendra.

CPD Day 3 - £135

2nd February 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Junction 4 Skatepark, Darwen, BB3 0AL (Next to Darwen Vale School)

- CPD Day 3 – an exemplified classic narrative unit of work with integrated poetry, alongside a non-fiction information text unit (6 weeks), to be delivered in the spring or summer term, with a comprehensive resource pack. The focus text is *Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter with further link texts and film clips.

CPD Day 5 - £135

6th May 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Junction 4 Skatepark, Darwen, BB3 0AL (Next to Darwen Vale School)

- CPD Day 5 – an exemplified unit of work (6-7 weeks), incorporating non-fiction, narrative and poetry to be delivered in the second half of the summer term, with a comprehensive resource pack. The focus theme is *trains and journeys* using a wide range of texts and film clips to support reading and writing narrative, poetry and non-fiction including a focus text, *How to Train a Train* by Jason Carter Eaton.

Individual 'Returning to Talk' sessions [available here](#).



Talk Two

CPD Day 1 - £135

8th October 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Lancashire FA, Leyland, PR25 2LF

- CPD Day 1 – an exemplified traditional tales and traditional with a twist unit of work (4-5 weeks), to be delivered during the autumn term, with a comprehensive resource pack. Several texts are used within the unit alongside the focus text *The Great Fairytale Disaster* by David Conway.

CPD Days 3 and 4 - £185

3rd December 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

28th January 2026 9.15am-12.00pm

Lancashire FA, Leyland, PR25 2LF

- CPD Days 3 and 4– exemplified units of work all based on the theme, *Amazing Birds*. Incorporating a unit on non-chronological reports (2-3 weeks), persuasive adverts (3-4 weeks) and a narrative unit on *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson (4 weeks), these units are designed to be delivered across the spring term, with a comprehensive resource pack.

CPD Day 6 - £135

24th March 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Lancashire FA, Leyland, PR25 2LF

- CPD Day 6 – an exemplified unit of work for reading and writing, using *Aladdin* (up to 6 weeks), to be delivered in the summer term focusing on end of KS1 reading and writing expectations with a comprehensive resource pack.

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Book:



Talk Three

CPD Day 1 - £135

14th October 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Farington Lodge, Leyland, PR25 4QR

- CPD Day 1 – an exemplified narrative unit of work based on folk tales (4-5 weeks) and a non-fiction unit including letters and instructions (2 weeks) to be delivered in Autumn 2, with a comprehensive resource pack.

CPD Day 3 - £135

9th February 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Farington Lodge, Leyland, PR25 4QR

- CPD Day 3 – an exemplified English and History focused unit of work with a focus on *Romans* and Boudicca, including narrative, non-fiction and poetry elements (up to 12 weeks), to be delivered across the spring term and/or moving into the summer term, with a comprehensive resource pack. Additional resources support Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt and Stone Age.

CPD Day 5 - £135

29th April 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Farington Lodge, Leyland, PR25 4QR

- CPD Day 5 – an exemplified unit of work based on a classic narrative poem *The Spider and the Fly* by Mary Howitt with a range of narrative, poetry and non-fiction outcomes (up to 6 weeks), to be delivered in Summer 2, with a comprehensive resource pack.

Talk Four

CPD Day 1 - £135

16th October 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Junction 4 Skatepark, Darwen, BB3 0AL (Next to Darwen Vale School)

- CPD Day 1 – an exemplified narrative based on traditional tales from another culture with integrated poetry using the text *Rumaysa* by Radiya Hafiza (4-5 weeks) to be delivered in Autumn 2, with a comprehensive resource pack.

CPD Day 3 - £135

10th February 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Junction 4 Skatepark, Darwen, BB3 0AL (Next to Darwen Vale School)

- CPD Day 3 – two exemplified units of work based on the theme of climate change and the text *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, including a non-fiction hybrid, poetry and narrative story openings (up to 8/9 weeks), to be delivered across the spring term and/or moving into the summer term, with a comprehensive resource pack.

CPD Day 5 - £135

19th May 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Junction 4 Skatepark, Darwen, BB3 0AL (Next to Darwen Vale School)

- CPD Day 5 – an exemplified integrated unit of work based on classic narrative poem, *Macavity* by T.S. Eliot including poetry responses, poetry by heart, news broadcasts and newspaper outcomes (up to 6 weeks), to be delivered in Summer 2, with a comprehensive resource pack.

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Talk Five

CPD Day 1 - £135

13th October 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Lancashire FA, Leyland, PR25 2LF

- CPD Day 1 – an exemplified unit of work on legends (4-5weeks), to be delivered in the autumn term, with a comprehensive resource pack. Several focus texts are used within the unit.

CPD Day 3 - £135

27th November 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Lancashire FA, Leyland, PR25 2LF

- CPD Day 3 – an exemplified science-fiction unit of work using a range of texts, including an integrated poetry sequence (5-6 weeks), to be delivered in the spring term, with a comprehensive resource pack.

CPD Day 5 - £135

21st May 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Lancashire FA, Leyland, PR25 2LF

- CPD Day 5 – an exemplified classic narrative poetry unit of work based on *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll (4-5 weeks) with a range of outcomes, to be delivered in the summer term, with a comprehensive resource pack.

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Talk Six

CPD Day 1 - £100 1st October 2025 9.15am-4.00pm Farington Lodge, Leyland, PR25 4QR

Link to book the **Talk Six Top Up or Taster Unit**:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lpds/courses/details/?courseID=ENG180&courseSuffix=b&financialYear=2025/2026>

This full day course is suitable for Y6 teachers who have previously attended Talk Six training in the years 2019-2023 and would like to refresh their delivery of the unit. This full day course will:

- use a range of current, quality biographical texts - samples of which are provided.
- explore up-to-date practice in developing reading fluency and comprehension skills.
- consider a range of writing opportunities, both modelled and independent, including newer text types, e.g. infographics.
- provide day-by-day planning suggestions to comprise a motivating and empowering unit of work.

CPD Day 3 - £135

1st December 2025 9.15am-4.00pm

Farington Lodge, Leyland, PR25 4QR

- CPD Day 3 – an exemplified classic fiction unit of work (4-5 weeks), to be delivered in the spring term, with a comprehensive resource pack. The focus text is *The Wizard of Oz* by Frank L. Baum alongside a wide range of other classic texts.

CPD Days 4 and 5 - £185

27th January 2026 1.00pm-4.00pm

3rd February 2026 9.15am-4.00pm

Farington Lodge, Leyland, PR25 4QR

- CPD Day 4 - half-day Shakespeare workshop delivered by the Coram Shakespeare Schools' Foundation.
- CPD Day 5 - an exemplified Shakespeare unit of work using *Romeo and Juliet* (up to 6 weeks), to be delivered in the second half of the spring term or summer term, with a comprehensive resource pack.

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