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'How-to' maths books launched to aid 'war on innumeracy'

Education secretary Nicky Morgan declares "war on innumeracy" in primary schools



Publications founder and education expert Stephen Curran launches a series of how-to maths books (Image: RUSSELL SACH)

A series of maths workbooks have been launched to help aid the "war on innumeracy" in primary <u>schools</u>, as declared by education secretary Nicky Morgan earlier this month.

In response to the statement, education expert and founder of <u>Feltham</u>-based AE Publications (AEP), Stephen Curran, has published 'how-to' books for Year 3 to Year 7 pupils to help win the battle and get primary school children to reach higher standards.

The workbooks and testbooks, written by the former state school teacher and national curriculum advisor are aimed at taking children back to the basics using traditional methods.

Mr Curran's books are designed so a child can work with their parents at home. He said: "Too many children are leaving primary school not even knowing the basics.

"If every child is given the basics then they can tackle all the next steps in education. It is when they don't know the basics that they flounder at secondary school level.

"Young children need structure in their learning, it is how they learn best. More traditional methods, which I passionately advocate, give them that structure and a firm foundation for learning."

The books, which reflect the changes in the maths national curriculum introduced last September, are based on a step-by-step method of working which becomes increasingly challenging.



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Once a pupil has reached the last book in the series they will be a Level 5 or 6 standard - above average and exceptionally above average - for Key Stage Two SATs.

Stephen added: "While there continues to be a significant number of children not reaching the standard for their age, books like ours combined with support at home will play an instrumental part in helping children to succeed."

Mrs Morgan's new targets include children knowing up to their 12 times tables, performing long division, complex multiplication and to be able to read a novel, by the time they leave primary school.

AEP also produce workbooks covering English, times tables, verbal activity and non-verbal reasoning. Books start at £9.50 and are available <u>online</u>.





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