

Precision Teaching

Precision Teaching is a teaching method used to accelerate progress particularly in word reading and spelling skills although it is also used to increase children's proficiency in number facts. It aims to find what teaching strategy is most effective for a particular child and to use it. It builds on that child's successes and raises their self-esteem.

Precision teaching is a short term programme usually lasting for 6 weeks. A session lasts for about 10 minutes. The first 5 minutes is a teaching task delivered in the way that a child learns best. There is then a 1 minute test to show how much they have learnt and the remaining 4 minutes are used to talk about the child's progress and correct any mistakes they may have made.

In Precision Teaching, the learner's daily performance is recorded and shared with the child. This process is known to increase motivation. A summative record is also used to track rate of progress over time. All of this information will be shared with the child's class teacher.