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| Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) Observation Form |
| **Trainee teacher:**  | **School:**  | **Date:** | **Week:** |
| **Observer:**  | **Route:** PGCE/UG/TIPE/RTH | SE1/SE2/SE3 |
| **School scheme:** |
| Subject KnowledgeDoes the trainee: |
| -demonstrate understanding of the nature of the English alphabetic code? |  |
| -understand the principles underpinning the programme of synthetic phonics? |
| -demonstrate fidelity to the school scheme? |
| TeachingDoes the trainee: |
| -have a clear objective for the session and ensure the children understand (e.g. ‘By the end of this week you will all be able to read these sounds; today we are learning the first one.’)? |  |
| -make sure that children review the GPC knowledge they have been taught in previous lessons?  |
| -demonstrate new learning in bite-sized chunks, including correct letter formation and articulation of new GPCs? |
| -ensure tasks allow children to practise and apply new learning? |
| -ensure all children are expected to participate throughout interactive sessions, for example by using ‘call and response’?  |
| -make the most of the time for teaching and use activities that maximise the number of words children read and spell? E.g. dictation? |
| -praise the children for working hard and paying attention, being specific about what they have done well? |
| -use resources and props linked to the scheme? |
| -use assessment to determine next steps clearly, including identifying children who might need immediate extra support? |
| LearningDo the children have opportunity to: |
| -practise saying the phoneme? |  |
| -practise letter formation? |
| -read and write (blend and segment) the new GPC using ‘decodable’ words, phrases, sentences and books that match the GPCs and common exception words they already know? |
| Trainee Development: |
| **Strengths** (specific to SSP): |  |
| **Next steps** (specific to SSP): |  |
| Further Comments (if appropriate): |  |
| **Links to the University of Worcester Curriculum:** Before SE1, all university-based trainees are introduced to the rationale, theory, and key policy documents behind SSP. In addition, they explore the key terminology of SSP, the importance of fidelity to a scheme and how to plan a successful session.  |