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Dear Ms Glennie

Thank you for your correspondence, which I have passed to Education Scotland as the national agency with responsible for the curriculum and learning and teaching approaches in Scottish schools.

Our understanding is that almost all Scottish primary schools use some form of synthetic phonics, and that this approach is combined with other strategies in the context of active literacy learning. Schools have a responsibility to respond to the needs of their own pupils.

Our Literacy Action Plan, published in October 2010, aims to raise literacy standards for all in Scotland from the early years through to lifelong learning. The plan also recognises the importance of providing support for local authorities to develop their own literacy strategies which take account of local needs and circumstance (hence our support for the literacy hubs that you refer to), and recognises reading as a valued activity from an early age, and the social, educational, and familial benefits of reading in the home. We will continue to work with our partners through the Standing Literacy Commission to support measures to develop Scotland as a literate, reading nation with a love of books in all their formats.

I hope that this is helpful.

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