

Numeracy News - Every Child Counts

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Every Child Counts Research Phase Report is now out

We are absolutely delighted with the Report on the Research Phase of Every Child Counts. Highlights include:

“Particularly **strong impact** was achieved by the multi-sensory teaching approach. (p2)”

‘Standardised score gain per lesson available’ was the **highest of all interventions** (see Impact headlines table, under ‘Evidence Base’)

The only authority where the overall gains were higher, was LA ‘A’ – who taught the children for 50% more sessions. Their difference in gains is not 50% higher. (See table 3)

Numicon and the multi-sensory approach were included (at the last minute!) in the research phase even though Numicon is, as Sir Peter Williams correctly identified in his Report, “**a Wave 1 material, which is used in wave 3 interventions**” (p.79).

We hope that these findings, added to the [growing body of evidence](#) suggesting that Numicon has a real impact on both pupils enjoyment of maths and their achievement in maths, will help to increase the use of Numicon both in **Intervention and Quality First teaching**.

BUT please remember that “there is no magic in the plastic; it’s what you do with it that counts”, which is why we provide a range of Training and Support options.