

# InitialLit-2

## Fact sheet

## whole-class initial instruction in literacy

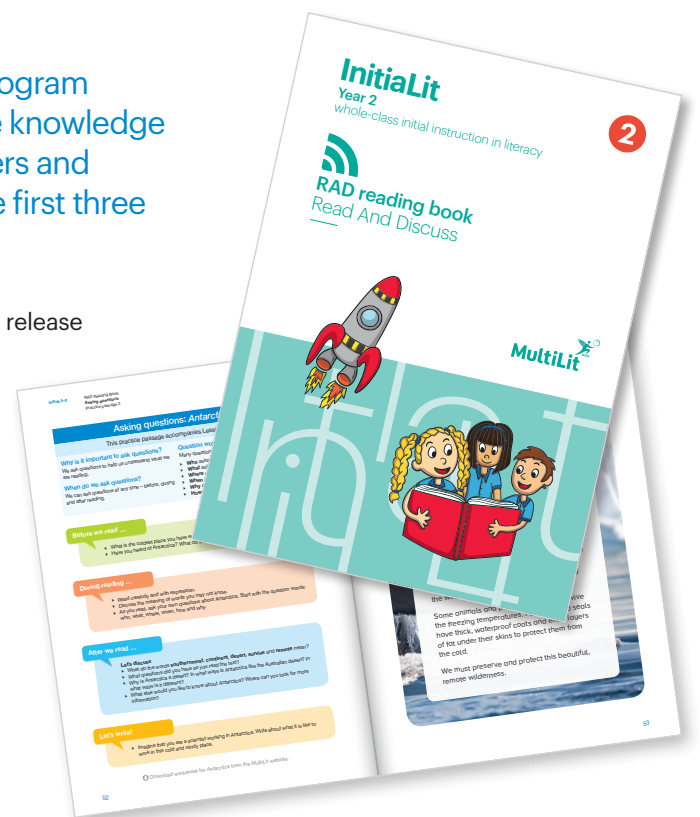
### What is InitialLit?

InitialLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program which will provide all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. InitialLit is a three-year program, covering the first three years of school (typically Foundation to Year 2).

InitialLit-Foundation was released in 2017, InitialLit-1 in 2018, and the release of InitialLit-2 in 2019 completes the program.

MultiLit has broadened its scope beyond purely providing remedial reading interventions. InitialLit addresses initial literacy instruction in the hope that, by providing strong foundations in reading and writing from the outset, fewer children will fall behind and require more intensive intervention.

In the context of a Response to Intervention framework, InitialLit is a Tier 1 program, designed to be delivered to whole classes by classroom teachers.



### What is InitialLit-2?

By Year 2, most children will be well on their way to reading independence. The program builds on the skills taught in InitialLit-F and InitialLit-1, with the focus shifting now to consolidating children's reading and spelling skills, working specifically on reading comprehension, fluency, spelling and vocabulary.



### Who is it for?

- ▶ Children in their third year of school (Year 2)
- ▶ Schools seeking a reading and spelling program that incorporates a synthetic approach to the teaching of phonics alongside a rich literature and vocabulary component
- ▶ Schools that would like to see thorough and consistent instruction across all Year 2 classrooms and a reduction in the number of children needing literacy support in higher grades
- ▶ Teachers looking to provide an evidence-based approach to reading and spelling that is aligned with the Australian National Curriculum

### The InitialLit-2 approach

InitialLit-2 has four main components:

1. Spelling. This component reviews phoneme-grapheme correspondences and spelling concepts taught in InitialLit-1 and teaches the remainder of the advanced alphabetic code systematically and explicitly. Children will also learn new spelling rules and morphological concepts.
2. Reading comprehension and fluency. In this component, children will be taught comprehension strategies explicitly and how to apply them to different types of text. They will also be given regular opportunities to work on reading fluency through echo, choral and paired reading.
3. Grammar. Children will be explicitly taught key grammatical features and how to apply them to a writing task.
4. Vocabulary, oral language and comprehension through children's literature. Detailed lessons are provided for each of the 15 storybook titles selected for use with the program, including detailed writing tasks. Two novel studies are included for use towards the end of the year.



## Program structure

- ▶ Two comprehension and fluency lessons per week [approx. 40 minutes each]
- ▶ Three spelling lessons per week [approx. 20-30 minutes each]
- ▶ Two storybook lessons per week [approx. 30 minutes each]
- ▶ Grammar lessons to be used flexibly during writing lessons
- ▶ Time for reading groups using RAD (Read and Discuss) Reading Books and any other appropriate reading material, and independent work using a variety of resources
- ▶ Ongoing curriculum-based assessments

## The InitialLit-2 Kit includes:

- ▶ Teacher Manual
- ▶ Comprehension and Fluency Handbooks
- ▶ Spelling Handbooks
- ▶ Storybook Lesson Handbook
- ▶ Growing Grammar Handbooks
- ▶ Assessment Manual
- ▶ A class set of RAD (Read and Discuss) Reading Books, to accompany the Comprehension and Fluency component
- ▶ A class set of 25 Spelling Workbooks (available for purchase as a consumable after the first year, and as a downloadable)
- ▶ Spelling and concept posters to display in the classroom
- ▶ PowerPoint slides to accompany lessons (downloadable from MultiLit website)
- ▶ Access to hundreds of downloadables, including:
  - Consolidation worksheets to accompany spelling program
  - Comprehension activities to accompany text in the RAD Reading Book
  - Literacy games e.g., bingo for tricky words
  - Storybook writing templates
  - Home Reading Diaries (one per term)
  - Assessment Recording Forms
  - Resources to help schools implement the program e.g., parent information sheets, certificates, curriculum linkage information



## Consumables accompanying the program

There are several sets of consumables that can also be purchased for use alongside the InitialLit-2 program.

These include:

- ▶ InitialLit-2 Spelling Workbooks: available in packs of five. A class set of these workbooks (25 copies) is included in the Kit when purchased. (Also available as a downloadable from the MultiLit Members' Area.)
- ▶ InitialLit-2 Home Reading Diaries (one per term per student). Available for purchase in packs of five, and as a downloadable from the MultiLit Members' Area.



## Professional development

There is a compulsory two-day Professional Development Workshop that must be completed prior to implementation of InitialLit-2, to ensure schools gain maximum benefit from the program.

The workshop covers:

- ▶ The theoretical framework on which InitialLit is based
- ▶ Detailed overview of the program content
- ▶ Implementation and assessment procedures
- ▶ Practical demonstrations of the lessons and opportunities to practise lesson delivery

This training can be undertaken via a public workshop (as advertised on the MultiLit Professional Development Workshop calendar), or as an on-site workshop at your school. Please see our InitialLit pricing table for details of costs and the discounts available when you have multiple teachers trained.

Schools interested in running an on-site workshop are encouraged to contact [multilit@multilit.com](mailto:multilit@multilit.com), with requested dates, as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Following the training, MultiLit will provide support for implementation of InitialLit, via phone, webinar, email and our Facebook group, InitialLit Community.

**Please note:** from November 2019, the InitialLit Professional Development Workshop will cover all three years of InitialLit-Foundation, InitialLit-1 and InitialLit-2. For teachers who have already undertaken the two-day InitialLit PD Workshop, and are now seeking to be trained in InitialLit-2, a bridging webinar series will be available at a price of \$200 per school, to provide an update on the new content contained in InitialLit-2. Staff who have not been trained in InitialLit are strongly encouraged to attend the two-day PD workshop as outlined above.



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