

Name: A2

Age: 7

Gender: Boy

Ethnicity: white British

A2 is an average achieving boy who comes from a very complicated and difficult home life. He is currently living with his auntie and uncle after not being allowed to live with his mum or dad. In year one A2 had developed a reputation for being a difficult child who would constantly break the rules. He would be verbally rude to both peers and staff, run away from lessons and physically hurt those around him. Through constant hard work and strict boundaries A2 has made a lot of progress in the five months which he has been in year 2. However, I do believe that some of the credit has to go to the cross curricular work we did with an app called 'Henri Le Worm'. One of A2's main problems was his inability to hold focus and concentration during lessons however with the app, for the first time in year 2 he was able to keep on track for the whole hour lesson. He played the game a few times and was even able to write in full sentences what he liked and disliked about the app and the characters within it, he even used to ask if he could stay in during lunch to do some more literacy work. A2 would often find groups of children to recreate the story with during playtimes which is a real step up from the boy who used to chase and scare those same children. When A2 had a bad session I would talk with him and ask him what he thinks Henri would do now and he is now able to correct his mistakes and carry on with his learning much more fluently. It was always difficult to take A2 out of the classroom for his lessons as he would take this as an opportunity to misbehave. However during our two week numeracy challenge based on cooking healthy meals with food found in the app, A2 was able to visit the kitchen on four separate occasions and behave appropriately throughout. He learnt how to safely chop, cut, slice and prepare different vegetables despite being quite scared of using a knife, he also now has a more increased knowledge of healthy food. A2 has continued to make progress in his school life and will often speak very passionately about the app and the characters in it. Despite finding retaining information tricky A2 has made significant progress in this too. He even states that he is cleverer than Sebastian the intelligent slug and that's saying something!