

Harry's Goals for the end of 2008

Harry is an 11 year old boy who is anxious and has a reading disorder (dyslexia)

Development

We want Harry to be reading to the best of his ability. He is currently about 3 years behind his peers (reading at an 8 year old level). We would like this gap reduced to less than 2 years behind.

Mental Health and Resilience

Harry currently finds learning to read hard, and tries to avoid the effort. Our goal for the end of the year is that he is able to put in the effort, and find some pleasure in reading, so that he does not learn to dislike learning.

Other Goals

Anxiety, and his beliefs about himself
We want Harry to be more comfortable with his Dyslexia, to understand that he is not 'dumb', and to be able to like himself enough to maintain his confidence at school.

What Harry is good at
Academically, Harry is good at Maths and Science. He is also good at mechanical and construction activities. He is a competent soccer player, and a reliable team player. We want him to enjoy what he is good at, and build his self esteem from the successes he experiences in these areas.

Friendships
We would like him to be more confident with his friends, for them to understand and accept his Dyslexia, and for Harry to have greater contact with friends outside of school.

School
We understand that there is a limit to what the school can do to help Harry learn to read. We hope that Harry's teachers will understand his problem, adjust their expectations and nurture his attitude to learning. Specifically, we hope they can make the other curriculum subjects easier (such as maths, where Harry is strong, but he struggles with the word problems).
We would also like to sort out homework so that it is not a battle.

Bullying
Harry is a sensitive boy. Even normal teasing hurts him. We hope that he can 'toughen up' to handle normal childhood teasing, but at the same time, that he is protected from the nastier bullying that children do to hurt other children.