

Improving Reading

Auchtermuchty Primary School

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Aim: For targeted children in P1 and P2 to be able to read 3 and 4 letter words by the end of May 2018.

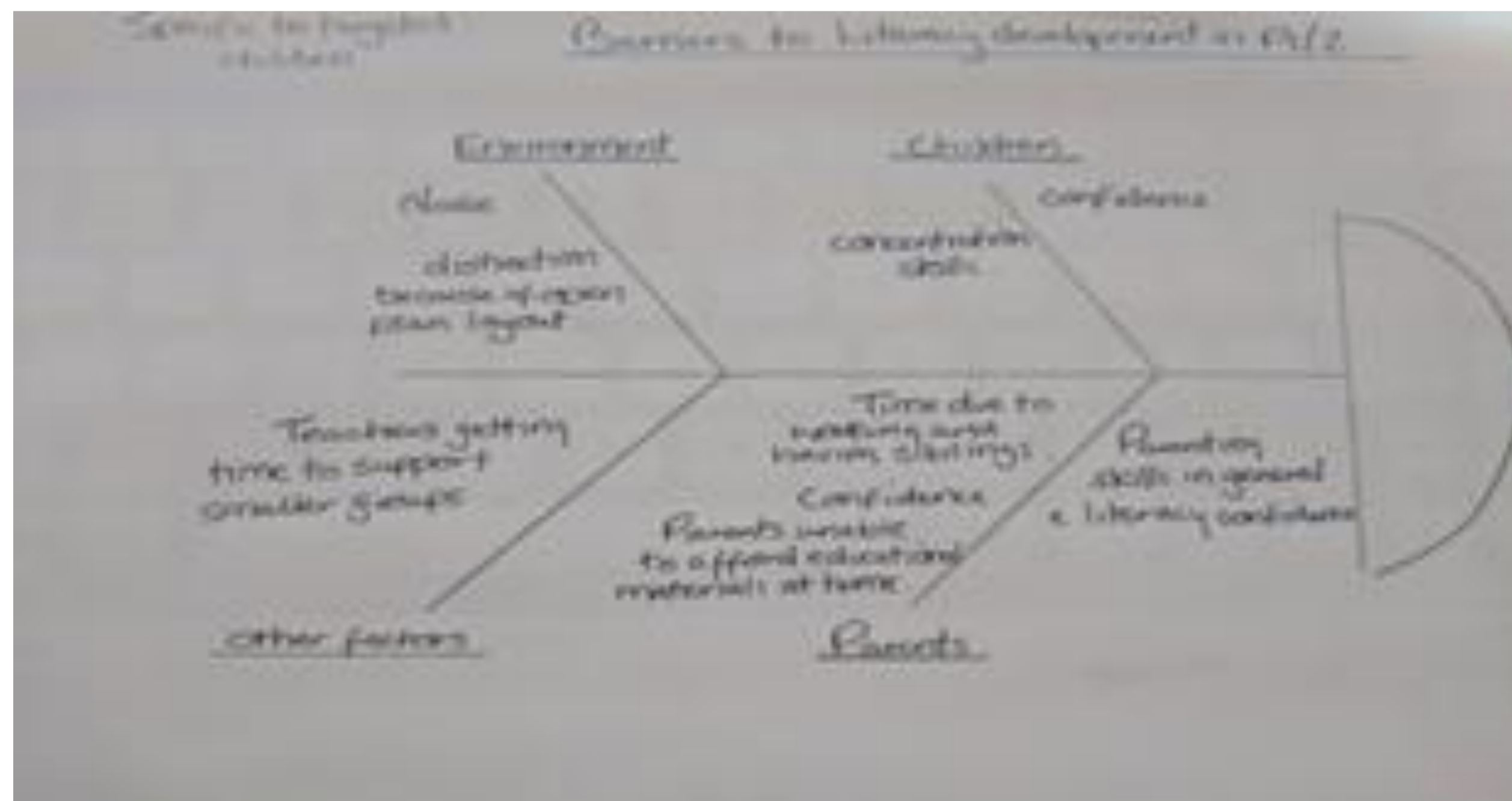
(Baseline: 0 words known)

Method

- Tracking data showed us we needed to focus our improvement efforts on children's reading.
- Pupil Support Assistant carried out a baseline assessment using a short test of 5 rhyming family words.
- The children were then tested daily on 5 random rhyming family words.

Process Change

The teachers and pupil support assistant worked collaboratively to create a fishbone diagram. This allowed us to discuss and understand the barriers to the targeted children's learning.



The fishbone tool helped us to understand why certain children were not grasping basic reading skills compared to their peers.

We generated change ideas through this process.

We then used a prioritisation matrix to organise our change ideas.

We were then able to choose ideas for change that were low effort and might potentially have a high impact.

Pupil support assistant worked with 4 children in pairs using rhyming phonics books and game matching words to pictures.

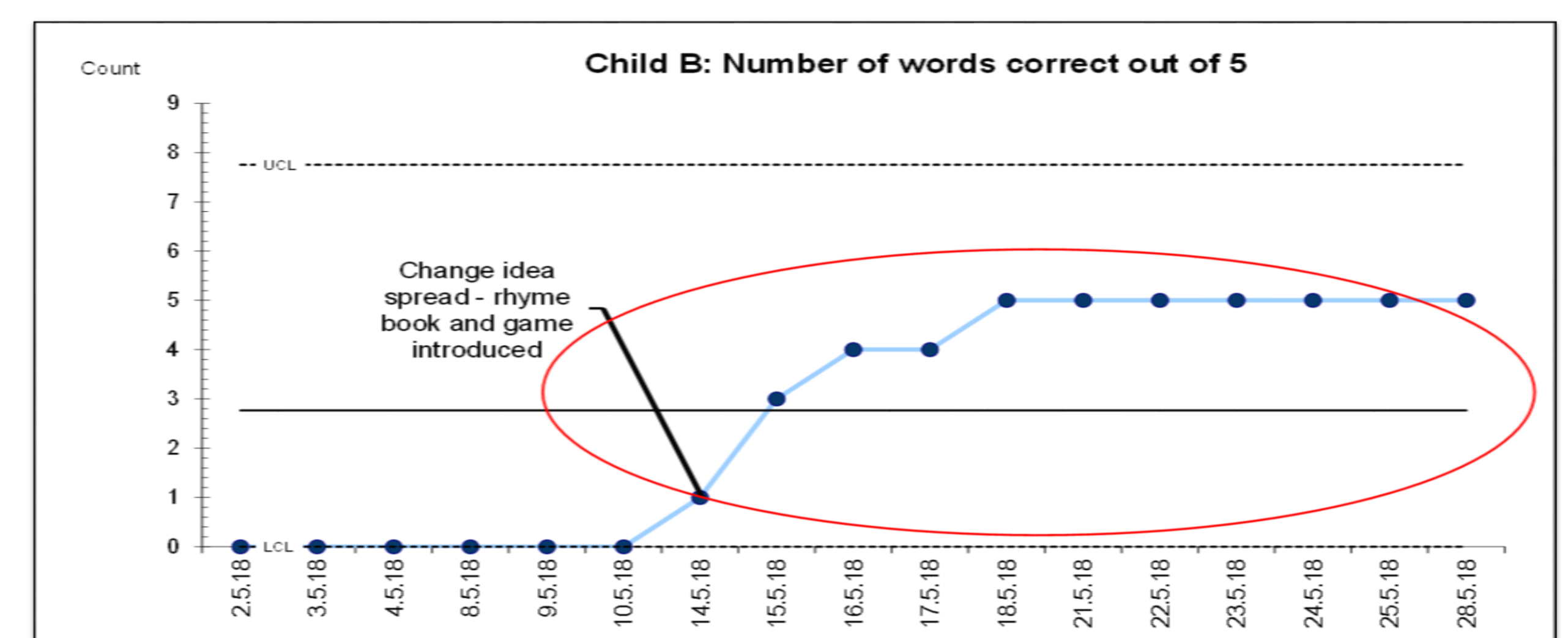
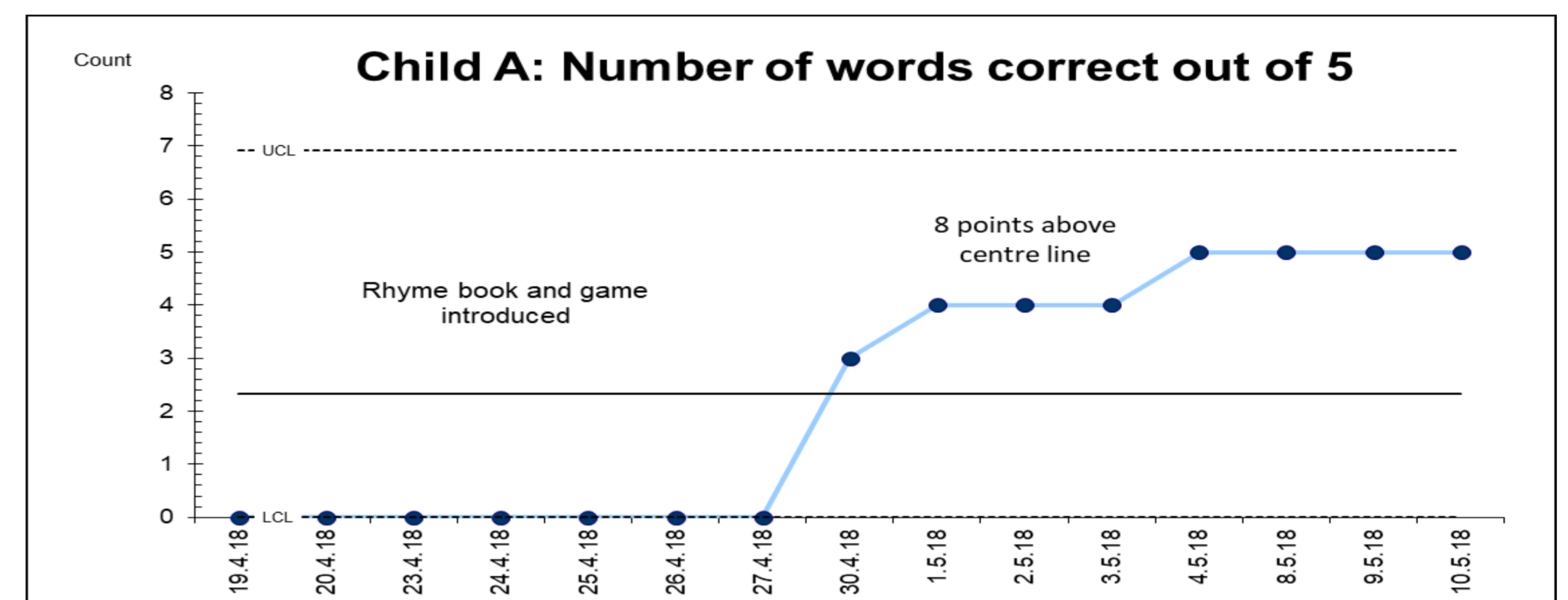
Quantitative data was gathered using a short test of five words taken from 5 rhyming families without picture prompts.

Qualitative data was gathered through feedback from the children.

Key Learning Points

- My personal IT skills have greatly improved.
- Using the methodology has enabled me to see improvement quickly.
- I love the fishbone tool – I find it a simple way to identify barriers to challenges.

Results



Conclusions

I want to try longer words!

I want to read, read, read, all day!



Are we going to do reading today? Great!

- All 4 children succeeded in reading 3 and 4 words by the end of May.
- Children were enjoying learning and asking to read.
- Teacher's noticed an improvement in the targeted children's reading.

Next steps

- Spread learning to Primary 2/3 class.
- Set up a parent/child book club after school. Pupil Support Assistant will model activities that lead to improvement.