

Alphabet Soup

When I first started working in education,
I felt like I was drowning
in Alphabetti Spaghetti,
and I'd regularly Alphabetti Forghetti
what anyone was referring to.

Each day a new acronym cocktail,
the canteen only serves alphabet soup:
"FGS - he re-scheduled my PPA NEU mtn at HWT"
You sip down a GCSE,
"FAO KE: could you print that PDF ASAP?"
Burp up a C and a D.

"HLTAs report to the SENCO"
Slurp
"EHCP students with TAs in KS3"
Glug
"An ECT with QTS
in SEND is liaising with SLT"
WTF?

You can cling to a passing 'O'
to keep you afloat,
take refuge in the point of a 'K',
or curl yourself up in the butt of a 'U'
and hope your understanding won't always be MIA.

But as the bowl cools,
my Alphabetti Reghretti,
is that I am now as bad as everyone else
and acronyms roll off my tongue like soup.