# Getting the most out of **Reading Cloud**





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UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

# Introducing you to the LoveReading4Kids and Reading Cloud pilot

Our school has been selected by LoveReading4Kids, the leading online bookstore with social conscience, and library management system Reading Cloud, to take part in a new initiative to support four schools across the UK with developing their libraries.

We all know reading is key to unlocking success across the curriculum. We know that improving reading standards has a huge impact on students' wellbeing, academic achievement, and future success. In addition, we know the current funding crisis has resulted in devastating cuts to school budgets.

This is why LoveReading4Kids is working to redress that shortfall through their online bookstore with social purpose.

If you buy a book from their website you are able to donate 25% of your spend to our school, to help us buy more books.

In addition, we can create wishlists of books that we'd love to have gifted.

Watch this space...



## What's the initiative about?

The initiative 'Unlocking the Potential of your School Library' supports each school to develop their library to encourage reading for pleasure and further foster a whole school reading culture.

Our school receives free access to the Reading Cloud library management system for a year, providing personalised training and guidance from in-house experts to help enhance the library and engage students in their reading. This will include in group training sessions on the Reading Cloud platform, monthly calls to advise and support on the set up and implementation of the system, and an 'Ask the expert' session with Reading Cloud's senior school library consultant, to enhance the library setting further and amplify the reading for pleasure experience for the students.

The initiative also includes a free annual subscription to the School Library Association to deliver CPD and help with the management of the school library. Together with the teams at LoveReading4Kids, Reading Cloud and the School Library Association, our school will learn about best practice library management from experts in their fields, offering the children the experience and the joy of a school library.



### Introducing the schools

#### **Ewhurst C of E Infant School**

We were selected for this initiative because we have reading for pleasure at our heart but we have never before had a library management system. Our library management is a part time responsibility as the individual managing it has multiple roles. Like many other small school settings we have limited staff for the running of their library which we run with the help of a parent volunteer. Providing a management system with Reading Cloud will support literacy in the school, encourage independent learning and help make it easier to loan books for the benefit of all children on the school roll.

We would like to have a cosier library set up that is inviting for pupils, and further make reading a priority across the school, so that it is evident in every room that we love books! We also want to plan more reading for pleasure activities but need some good ideas, and we are excited about being supported in this endeavour.

#### **Hope Academies**

Our dream is that our library provides reading materials to engage all students in formats that stimulate reading for pleasure as well as promoting academic reading and study skills to support the curriculum. Introducing the Reading Cloud management system will support this.

The vision of Hope Academy is to move our library service to the next level to engage students more effectively in reading that is both academic and for pleasure.



#### **Christ's Church of England School**

We have a dedicated library space with a full-time librarian, and have previously been using a Library Management System, however we would like to change to a more user friendly and digitally accessible LMS for our school. Step in Reading Cloud and this programme initiated by LoveReading4Kids.

We would like a larger physical space that would help with division of study space and reading/activity space and we are keen to integrate digital resources, eBooks and audiobooks into the student and staff's library usage and encourage students to be more independent with research and sourcing reading material by using the online library catalogue.

By using The Reading Cloud library management system and support from LoveReading4Kids, we hope to achieve a library that is used to support curriculum delivery through topics and subjects and to continue to develop a love of reading culture in our school.

On this programme we will be provided personalised training and guidance from in-house experts from Reading Cloud and LoveReading4Kids to help enhance our library and engage our students in reading. The initiative also includes a free annual subscription to the School Library Association to deliver CPD and help with the management of our school libraries.

We will share our developments across the course of this year and hope that you will start to see the impact that this programme will have. We are very excited about the potential.



### **Keeping in touch**



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