

Using the E-Platform to access audio books in school and at home



Pupils in Key Stage 3 have been using the E-Platform reading programme as part of the WORD (Working On Reading Development) literacy sessions. The E-Platform enables pupils to listen to audio versions of books that are selected as suitable for their age group.

Upper 3 pupils were asked to give feedback on their experience of using the E-Platform in school and at home. Their responses were very useful in helping Mrs Sharrock and the English department encourage reading for pleasure and develop the pupils' reading skills which will enable them to make progress across the school curriculum.

The pupils' favourite reading material covers a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. These include: *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Jessica's Ghost*, *Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse*, sports writing and autobiographies.

All pupils reported positive experiences of the E-Platform. One pupil stated, "*I think the E-Platform is an easy, useful, fast and most importantly fun platform.*" Another response suggested it is, "*Good but not as entertaining as just reading.*" The pupils gave the E-Platform an average score of 4/5. All pupils stated that they found it easy to use at home.

The responses were anonymous which encouraged honest answers. One pupil stated that they preferred listening to audio books because, "*I am one of those people who just finds it more interesting to listen to someone read rather than reading myself.*" Audio books prove beneficial to pupils who find reading challenging. A common answer given was that the E-Platform helped some pupils because, "*I struggle with reading.*" Pupils confirmed that using the E-Platform has helped them with their academic subjects and that it has increased their confidence with accessing reading materials.

We hope that pupils will continue to read for pleasure and access fiction and non-fiction in its many forms.

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