



Here at Longfield Academy, we use ReadingWise as a literacy intervention programme for our struggling/less confident readers. ReadingWise contains almost 2,000 lessons to thoroughly address all issues with letter recognition, phonics, sight words, chunking and all the other elements to fluent reading.

ReadingWise is proven to have raised reading ages for those in the bottom 20% of attainment by an average of 9.7 months in just 20 hours. The rate of improvement is no different for those children who have already been diagnosed with dyslexia and those who are just poor readers.

Learning to read gives a child so much more than a useful new skill. It maximises their enjoyment of school, boosts their self-confidence and opens them up to a world of limitless possibilities.

Who is it for? ReadingWise is for learners with a reading age below their chronological age. At Longfield Academy, we use ReadingWise in Year 7 to deliver rapid reading improvement for those arriving with low literacy. This is critical in helping these learners access the wider curriculum.

How does a typical session look? Learners log in independently on their computer or tablet. Learners work through a sequence of lessons, each lasting 2 or 3 minutes. Once a lesson is complete, they are rewarded with a GIF, a 3 second video snippet. This makes learners feel like they've achieved, preparing them for the next lesson. A member of staff circulates and supports, offering a facilitatory presence. The learner's independence is an important factor in the programme's success. The next time the learner logs on, the programme continues where they left off, so there is no time wasting navigating pages.

Each learner is allocated an individual, personalised lesson plan, which they work through at their own pace. Lessons are explained via video clips. The programme ends when the learner reaches the end of their lesson plan.

ReadingWise Decoding is fun! Lessons are short, simple and achievable. Learners are rewarded regularly, with tokens and GIFs.

Students selected for this intervention attend 5 sessions a week during tutor time, they are then expected to complete sessions at home or they are welcome to come along to the 'success lounge'.

If you have any questions regarding the ReadingWise Programme, please contact:-

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