

A Lloyd's funded programme

The Reading Partners programme pairs trained business volunteers, who work in London, with pupils in local primary schools, to read weekly or fortnightly through a buddy scheme. A key focus is not only conversation and oracy, but exposing pupils to the world of work and increasing aspiration.

Project Reach



129

Volunteers



7

Schools



80

Students



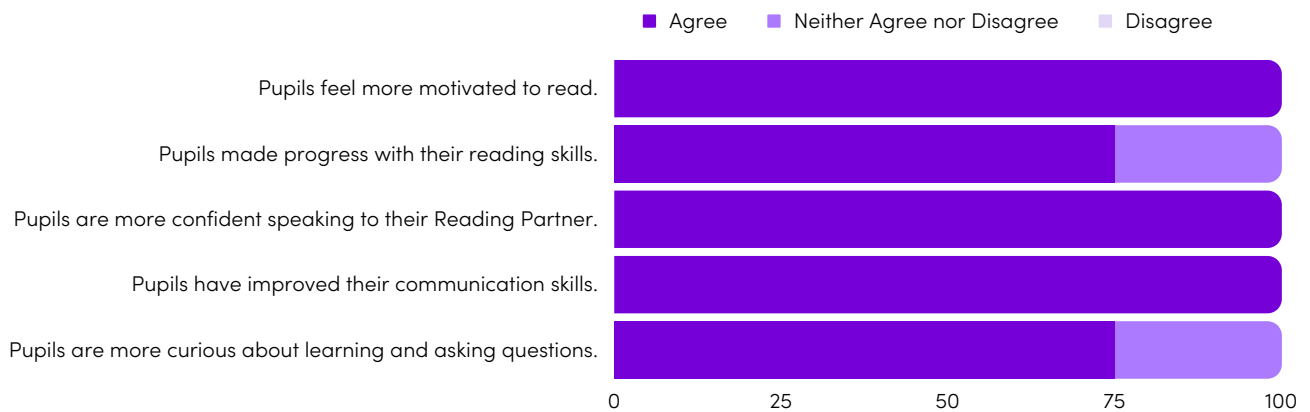
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Companies



Teacher Feedback

As a result of Reading Partners teachers told us...



100% of teachers would recommend Reading Partners to other schools.

On average...

Teachers rated Reading Partners 9 out of 10.



Volunteer Feedback

100% of volunteers agree that the training supplied by The Switch was clear and useful.

92% of volunteers agree they have developed their ability to motivate and develop a young person.

50% of volunteers agree they are more patient as a result of Reading Partners.



100%

of volunteers would recommend Reading Partners to colleagues.



100%

of volunteers would volunteer for Reading Partners again.

"This has been one of the most enjoyable years - I saw a huge change and I learnt a lot - especially about diversity - I learnt a lot about Eid; Diwali; Jainism - this was the first time I thought about how much I was learning (from a 8/9 year old and I am 61)."

AXA-XL Volunteer, 2022-23

"I LOVED SPENDING 30 minutes with the children each week - it was a personal highlight seeing how they developed each week and over a year."

Willis Towers Watson Volunteer, 2022-23

"It is invaluable to spend time with a young person to help them develop confidence in themselves and their learning. It also benefits me to return to my office with a fresher outlook on life."

Hampden Volunteer, 2022-23

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