

Voxblock and Haddington Primary School Case Study 2023





BACKGROUND

Haddington Primary School is a local authority maintained school in East Lothian, Scotland, with over 800 pupils.

The project was coordinated by the Haddington Primary School PTA and Primary 2 class teacher to see the potential impact on literacy Voxblock could have within a classroom environment.



VOXBLOCK IN THE CLASSROOM

It was really simple to get the players up and running thanks to:

- No wifi or connectivity needed
- No GDPR requirements for logging in
- Players coming fully charged

The player was introduced to the class to be used in a number of ways:

- Group story time
- Independent playtime
- Partner and small group work

"It's nice to listen to different stories, which we can choose ourselves." Leo, age 6





TEACHER'S THOUGHTS

Both from a pupil and teacher perspective, Voxblock's have been a resounding success.

Here's why:

- Children have shown a **development in their storytelling skills**, 'stealing words' from their favourite stories
- Stories have supported classwork, in particular with the use of story openers and also expression when reading out aloud
- Voxblock players provided an **additional play-based independent learning tool** into the classroom
- They have been very **useful for reluctant or struggling readers**, who are able to listen to stories independently that may be beyond their reading level.

"Since having a cassette player in the classroom, nothing has been able to be used in this way." Mrs Wood, teacher





WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Following the success of the trial in the Primary 2 class, the Haddington Primary School PTA invested further in audio and developing audio resources throughout school. "It gave me good words in the stories and used them in my writing." Ewan, age 6



IN SUMMARY



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The children and teachers have enjoyed using the players both in a learning and recreational environment.

They found it very easily to roll the players out thanks to having no wifi requirements and easy set up.

There is excitement for using the players across all year groups thanks to the wide range of stories and non-fiction books available. "I found the stories very relaxing." Austin, age 6



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