

Reading at Home Opportunities

As I'm sure you'll appreciate, reading at home is as important as reading at school. Research shows that regular reading will improve a student's:

- understanding of vocabulary and spelling,
- understanding of punctuation and sense of sentence structures,
- ability to use their imagination,
- understanding of the world around them and of other cultures,
- ability to relax and focus on a single task for a sustained period of time.

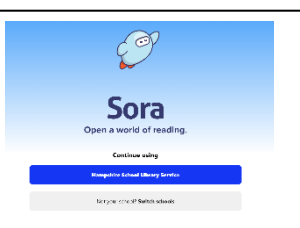
Interestingly, reading for just 20 minutes per day will expose a child to 1,800,000 words per year and mean they are more likely to achieve stronger academic success.

To support our students to continue to read at home, we are delighted to share with you our membership of the Hampshire School Library Service, an online library service, which is straightforward to access. In addition to a wide range of texts, the library also includes a range of audiobooks for those who may prefer, for example, to listen to a book at home, whilst on their journey to/ from school, when exercising, completing chores or even before going to sleep.

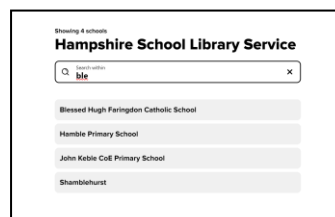
In order to access the site, please follow these 4 steps:

The website address is: [Sora \(soraapp.com\)](https://soraapp.com)

Step 1: open the link



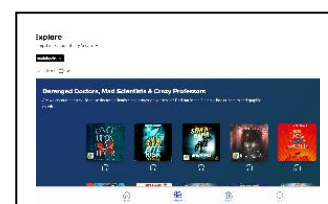
Step 2: search our school



Step 3: click on BHF



Step 4: get reading!



In addition, below are some other useful sites that you/your child may wish to use to help you decide what to read:

<https://www.lovereadings4schools.co.uk/>

[Year 9 books - a recommended reading list for 13 year olds \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](https://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk/)

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

[Year 10 books - a recommended reading list for 14 year olds \(schoolreadinglist.co.uk\)](https://www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk/)