



Case Study

Brighton & Hove Prep

Location: Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, UK

Type: An independent day school for girls aged 3–18



**BRIGHTON & HOVE
Prep** gdst Girls' Day School Trust

Helping students in the UK to develop strong English literacy skills



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As part of the Girls' Day School Trust the school belongs to one of the UK's largest networks of schools. A GDST education has long been recognised by UK employers and universities as a mark of quality and, with increasing international links, its global reputation is growing.

Why did the school choose LiteracyPlanet?

Brighton & Hove Prep have always endeavoured to use e-learning when and where possible. They understand e-learning enhances a child's learning experience in the classroom. That promoting and implementing e-learning at the kindergarten level is crucial to shaping children's educational prospects positively.

LiteracyPlanet offered a way for students to develop

their literacy skills effectively while also having fun. As technology adoption and use is a big part of their school development plan, it was vital that the chosen program appealed to students' parents. A program like LiteracyPlanet with individual logins and differentiation, that could replace outdated resources such as spelling sheets sent home with students to learn with each week.

How the school uses LiteracyPlanet

Who ever had the experience of sitting in a classroom with different learner types knows how hard it can be to accommodate learners' unequal pace or preferences of learning methods. Brighton & Hove Prep have since used the LiteracyPlanet program to segment and supplement existing learning modules.

"We use it from year 3 to year 6 for spelling and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) activities but have also started using it for reading. This is usually 1-2 times a week in school and any time at home, as they have 1 week to learn their spellings." says Lauren Mackey, Brighton & Hove Preps Head of English. "Year 3 and 4 use console computers in the ICT suite and year 5 and 6 use the ipad app. We also have 8 ipad logins for younger children or those students with special needs."

Data is crucial in determining the trajectory of a student's progression - but just as important is being able to translate these sorts of metrics into actionable insights. The analytics LiteracyPlanet program provides makes divergent and personalised learning made easy. "Teachers seem to like the amount of time it saves as well as the

“We can fully differentiate tasks in a subtle way and children can also self-select difficulty levels.”

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amount of differentiation possible. The dashboard is really useful for exploring how students are performing." continues Lauren Mackey.

"Children like the colourful games and range of activities. They really enjoy customizing their own avatar and earning points. They loved playing word mania and seeing our name on the leaderboard. It has allowed me as an English Coordinator to ensure cohesion between year groups in the way spelling is practiced and how homework is set."

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