

# The benefits of becoming a Reading School

In 2019–20, Scottish Book Trust piloted the Reading Schools accreditation programme with 39 schools in West Lothian and Forth Valley.

Reading Schools is an accreditation programme for schools that are committed to building a culture of reading for their learners and communities. The programme provides a framework mapped to HGIOS?4 and support to help schools ignite a love of reading, as well as opportunities for professional development and collaboration within and between schools and the wider community.

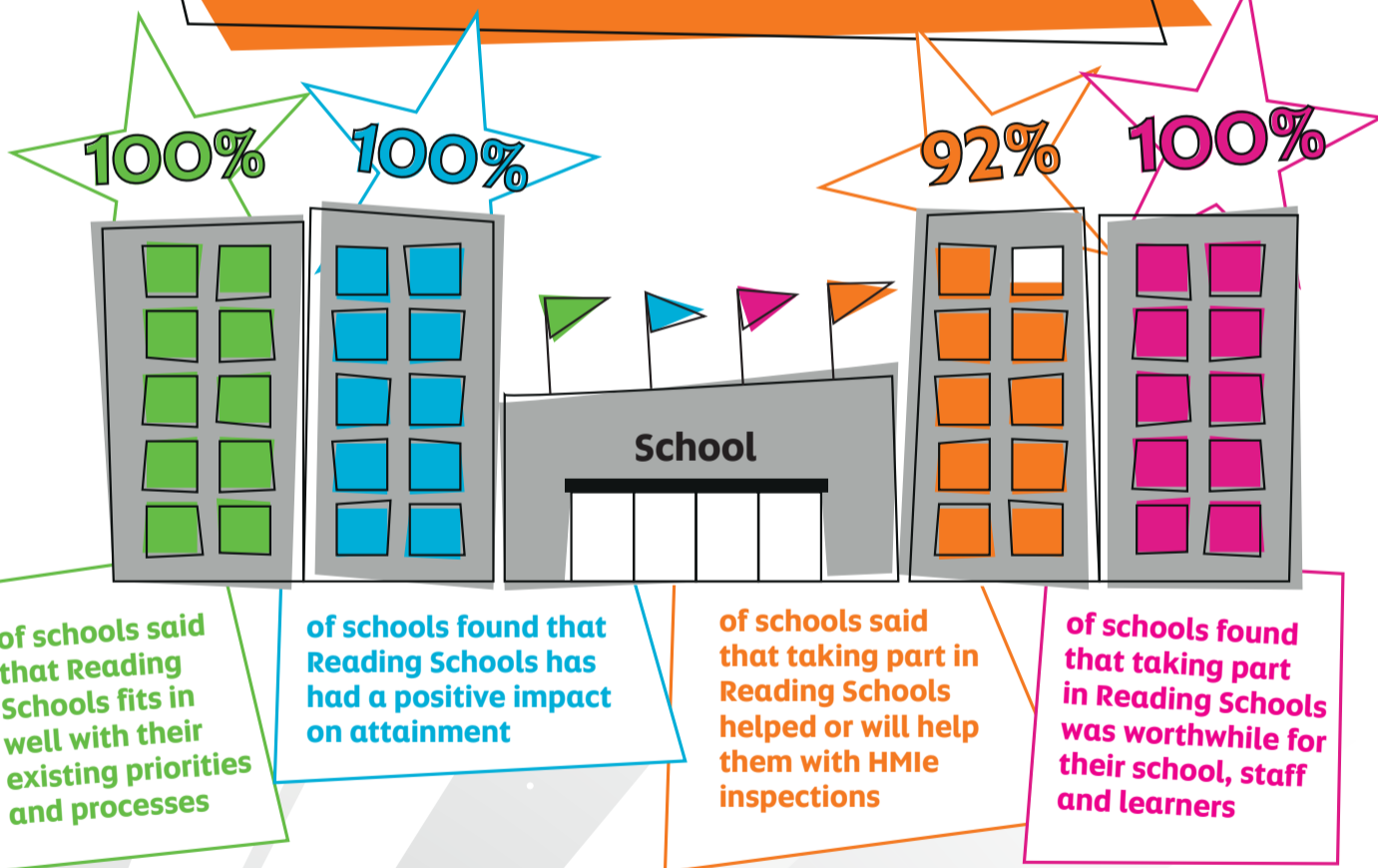
**100%**  
of schools found that Reading Schools helped them to support learners who were not enthusiastic readers

**95%**  
of schools said that taking part in Reading Schools has helped them to forge or strengthen links with other learning professionals



'The buzz that is being created around the school with regards to books and reading, even children who are reluctant readers are keen to talk about what they are reading, it's lovely!'

**97%**  
of schools found that Reading Schools had a positive impact on learners' health and wellbeing



**100%**  
of schools said that taking part in Reading Schools helped them to focus on supporting reading in ways they hadn't considered before

'Reading Schools has had a huge impact on our school and on our community. We are now running family workshops, involving parents and carers in supporting their children with reading. Reading for pleasure has a high profile in the school now and in the local community. This has been established via links with the local library, reading programme links with the local nurseries and primaries and with the local care home. We are reaching the community via author events/ family reading workshops, use of Twitter, videos and podcasting. All of these have come about due to our work on Reading Schools this year.'