

# Reading Champions

<b>School</b>	Whitehall Primary School
<b>Reading Champion</b>	Barbra Hewitt
<b>Contact email</b>	Barbrahewitt1@whitehall.leicester.sch.uk
<b>Who was targeted?</b>	Year 5 and Year 6, working in lower year groups
<b>Outline of project:</b>	
<p>12 children in Year 5 and 6 were chosen to become Reading Champions to promote enjoyment of reading across the school, with a focus on Year 1 and Year 2.</p> <p>The project started with the group visiting Waterstones Bookshop in Leicester to buy £500 of books for the new school library. They then promoted their new books in an assembly coinciding with World Book Day. The group are now involved in keeping the library organised, sharing books with Year 1 and Year 2 children in a book club on Fridays and becoming buddy readers with Year 1 and Year 2 children.</p>	
<b>Overview of the timelines, additional resources etc.</b>	
<p>Autumn Term: School Library relocated and library management system put in place.</p> <p>Jan 2017: Classes begin using Non-fiction library</p> <p>Feb 2017: Children invited to become Reading Champions</p> <p>March 2017: Waterstones visit by Reading Champions, budget £500</p> <p>March – July 2017: on-going involvement of Reading Champions</p>	
<b>Impact</b>	
<p>Enthusiasm for reading for more-able Y5/Y6 readers has been valued and they are highly motivated, particularly by the opportunity to select books.</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 children have increased reading opportunities.</p> <p>New library is being managed more effectively.</p> <p>Reading Champions are learning new skills- library organisation and story-telling.</p> <p>Children in other year groups are enjoying reading the books that were chosen – these have been added to the library for all year groups to borrow.</p>	
<b>Lessons learnt – advice for other schools</b>	
<p>Selecting books from a bookshop takes quite a while! Allow time for children to share their choices so you avoid doubling up and they can change their minds over books that will already be available in school.</p> <p>Check the discount you will get – you can get more books. Give the children calculators so they can work out when they have spent their budget.</p> <p>The Reading Champions loved stamping the books when they got back to school.</p> <p>Initial input was needed to model how to share stories as some of the Year 5 and 6 children were not used to this.</p>	
<b>Estimate of costs</b>	£500 for books + approx £80 transport