

Book Hut For A Year

USE YOUR BRIGHT GREEN BOOK HUT AS A
VEHICLE FOR BOOK SHARING, BOOK
BROWSING AND BOOK TALK

How does it work?

As previous recipients of donations from the Children's Book Project, your pupils will have selected several books to take home and keep over previous years. Naturally, they may well have outgrown some of the titles and feel ready to send some of them off on new adventures with new owners. Our Book Huts are the perfect way for schools to support pupils to both **donate books** they've grown out of and to **select more** to take home.

We'll continue to donate 100s of new and pre-loved books to supplement children's bookshelves but the huts have an additional role: somewhere children can be book donors themselves and also drop off the books they themselves have grown out of.

Why invite book donations?

Research has shown that the ability to share and recommend books to peers has a significant positive impact on how children view themselves as readers. Seeing themselves as someone who can guide others strengthens their identity as someone who has taste, judgement and expertise in reading. Sharing books with peers also helps children see reading as a social activity and makes them feel part of a 'reading community' and therefore 'real readers.'



BROWSE

SELECT

DONATE

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Getting started

1. Your Book Hut will arrive with 500 books.
2. Place it somewhere that will be accessible to the school community (including parents) and fix to a wall for safety.
3. Hold a launch event to build excitement and publicise the Book Hut to children and to their family members. This could be at a special assembly, an after-school event, or at any other time you choose. Use our posters and slides for this and consider sending communications to parents to explain this new opportunity.
4. You might want to decorate the hut with balloons or have a ribbon to cut to really mark the occasion.



Stocking your hut

1. To stock your Book Hut, hold a Book Drive where children are encouraged to bring in previously selected books from home to donate at an agreed drop-off point.
2. Use our initial donation of 500 books to top up any donations from the school community to ensure you have an exciting volume of books to launch your Book Hut.
3. Check and sort donated books before stocking the hut.
4. The Children's Book Project will send you a final book donation in the Spring or Summer term.



Holding a Book Drive

This is the really fun part! See over the page for details of how to hold a fun and inclusive Book Drive at your school.



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Top tips for a successful book drive

The aim of a Book Drive is to enable families to bring in books they've grown out of that can then be chosen and taken home by other families. Some children will have lots of books to donate, others may not be ready to pass on their books or may have given their pre-loved books to other audiences. It's a celebration of the books we've enjoyed and a lovely opportunity for families to revisit the books they've shared together.



Set a date (or dates) for the Book Drive and publicise widely

Get children involved in making posters to publicise the event.



Identify and promote a location for donations. Or invite pupils to host a 'stand' at drop off on one or two mornings.



involve children in counting, sorting and organising books by reading stage.



Have a totaliser or similar to track totals across the week.



End the week with a special assembly or reading event.



