

The Letterbox Club:

supporting you and your child to read together

As a carer you're an important reading role model for your child – plus reading together can be fun.



Reading together can:

- Help increase your child's confidence – young people who read regularly are more likely to say they have high self-esteem*
- Help to improve your child's reading skill and attainment, as well as strengthening their relationship with you*

What is the Letterbox Club?



An award-winning programme aiming to inspire a love of reading and engagement with numeracy in children who are looked-after aged 3-13. Each child receives 6 of their own personalised parcels containing books, stationery and number games. It's run by BookTrust, in partnership with the University of Leicester.

You can find out more about the Letterbox Club by visiting booktrust.org.uk/letterbox-club-families

How can the Letterbox Club support you and your child to read together?

- The Letterbox Club provides different types of books including stories, fact books and activity books to make sure that there's something for everyone. Encourage your child to choose a book for you to read or talk about together.
- The Letterbox Club parcels can be a great way for you and your child to spend time together. Spending just 10 minutes a day reading with them and talking about the books can make a real difference.
- The Letterbox Club parcels may help introduce your child to new books and authors. You can find even more books and authors by using the book finder on the BookTrust website: booktrust.org.uk/books/bookfinder/
- Remember, the books in the parcels are for your child to own and enjoy reading at a pace that suits them - it's about having fun.

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It has given us both quality time together. The books have made us laugh and giggle a lot!

Foster carer*

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BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity. For information and advice about reading with your child, please visit the BookTrust website: booktrust.org.uk

* The information in this leaflet is informed by a range of research, as well as wider evidence and evaluation. All references can be found at booktrust.org.uk/tips-for-carers-and-foster-families