



Assisted Reading for  
Children in Oxfordshire

Charity number 1146276

Oxford - a world famous city of learning but many children living here struggle with the key skill for learning - **READING!**



Within ARCh we know that a love of reading is the ticket to a happy and successful life

## **Books**

- ▶ **stimulate imagination**
- ▶ **transport you to different places**
- ▶ **help you understand the world and other people**

**We all need to read for pleasure & purpose**

# All about ARCh

- ▶ **ARCh is a small award winning Oxfordshire charity which gets BIG results**
- ▶ **Since inception in 2008 ARCh has helped thousands of children in the county love reading**
- ▶ **There are 300 trained, supported & resourced volunteers in the ARCh family**
- ▶ **The volunteering opportunity is open to all – no qualifications needed**

# How ARCh works

- **Each child supported by ARCh benefits from 2 “happy reading” half hours a week with their volunteer - for a whole year. They develop a special friendship**
- **We know schools do a great job teaching children to read – but ARCh gives them a FUN experience – sharing books, games and chat**

# ARCh provides

**A FUN experience for children & volunteers alike!**

**Books and games - for both to enjoy**

**Training & support for volunteers**



# Impact of ARCh on children

**Year on year schools note dramatic improvements in children's**

- ▶ **Reading ability, comprehension & interest**
- ▶ **Confidence and self esteem**
- ▶ **Attitude to reading and learning in general**

# Impact of ARCh on volunteers

- ▶ **Help in their local community**
- ▶ **Enjoy the joy of children's company**
- ▶ **Share fun of children's books**
- ▶ **Put life skills and experience to good use**
- ▶ **Learn new skills, make new friends/colleagues**
- ▶ **Gain the feel good factor from being part of the ARCh family**



Now more than ever we want  
ALL of Oxfordshire enjoying  
reading!



# Please Brand the Bus with ARCh

**Let's all set the children of Oxfordshire on the road to a happy and successful reading journey for life!**



ARCh photo gallery

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