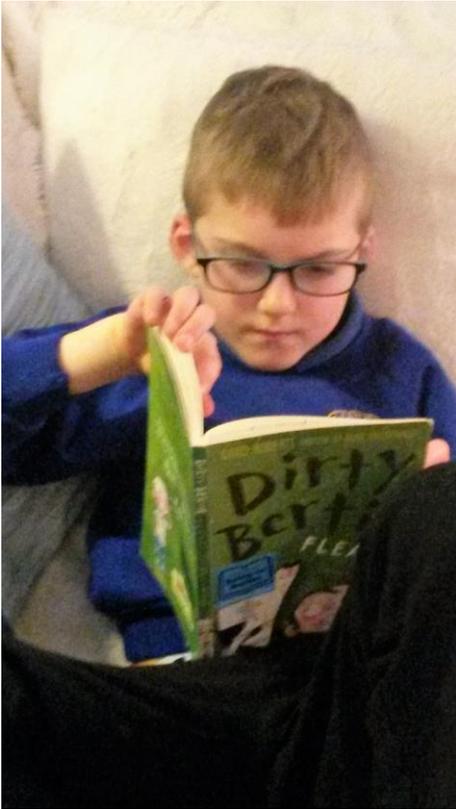


ARCh is an award winning Oxfordshire charity, having been presented with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2016 and the OCVA Charity of the Year award in 2018 and winner of the Cherwell Business Awards 2019

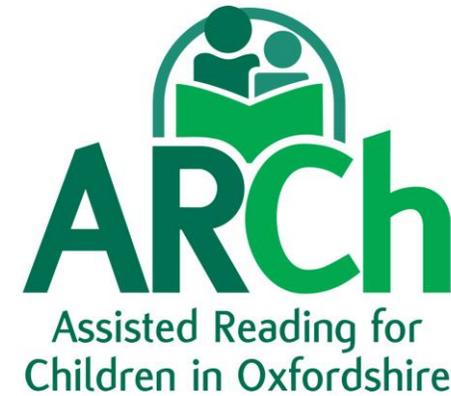
Books and reading for pleasure

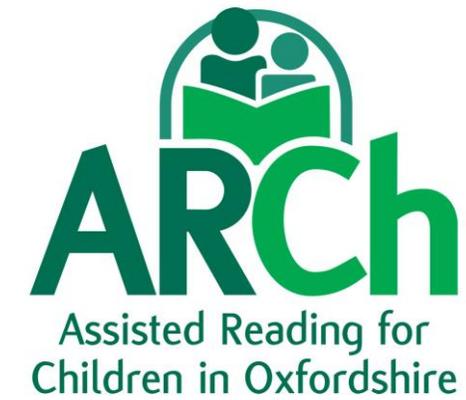
Inspiring children to enjoy reading



There are currently more than 250 ARCh volunteers sharing a love of reading with children in primary schools throughout Oxfordshire.

But more are needed. There are still too many children who are not yet inspired to read. In some areas of Oxford as many as 40% of children leave primary school with a reading level below government expected. This impacts negatively on their education and life prospects.





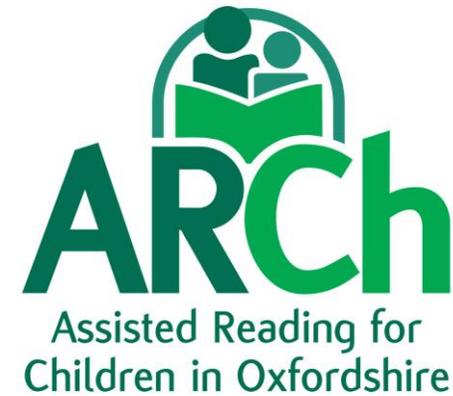
With more ARCh trained reading helpers we can spread the love of reading to the younger generation who these days have so many distractions in their lives.

ARCh makes an amazing impact on a child. Our most recent survey of schools found that, after a year's ARCh support, 99% of children improved in reading confidence, 96% improved in attitude to reading and 95% displayed increased confidence/self-esteem.

Oxford and surrounding area is the perfect place to find volunteers - many ARCh Reading Helpers have professional and academic backgrounds, many live in affluent areas like North Oxford and want to help children living in disadvantaged areas such as Blackbird Leys. Like Oxford Bus Company, we link the 2 sides of Oxford.



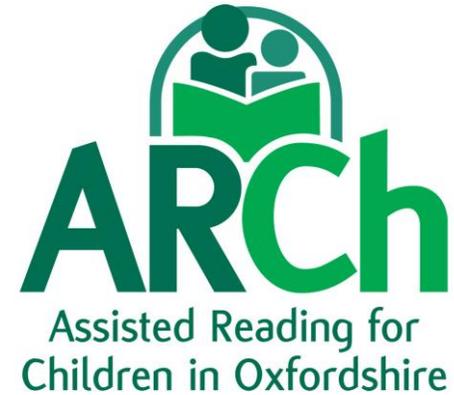
ARCh provides Personalised Reading Support



A love of books and enjoyment of children's company

The opportunity to volunteer is accessible to all however as no particular qualifications are needed to become an ARCh volunteer, just good communication skills, a love of books and enjoyment of children's company will do - we can supply the rest!

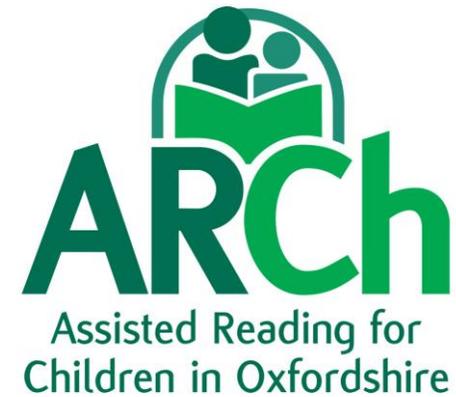
Each reading helper is resourced with a box of books and games to use in their sessions in school with their 3 individual children. These resource boxes are tailored to suit the interests of the children, containing books and games which encourage the children to have fun while sharing an enjoyable half hour with a dedicated and interested adult twice a week.



Highlight of the week!

We ensure that every ARCh volunteer enjoys their role and gains as much from their experience as the children do! Volunteers frequently tell us that their ARCh time is the highlight of their week!

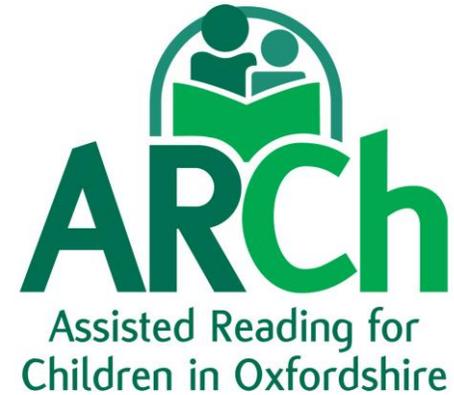
There are so many benefits for children and volunteers alike, it is a win/win experience and can be life-changing for both parties.



More volunteers to help more children

We want a record number of volunteers on board with ARCh. We are now calling on the local community (residents, students, businesses) to get involved in inspiring local children to develop a love of reading which will enhance their lives at schools and beyond.

As a small local charity we do not have a budget for advertising. Being featured on an Oxford bus would highlight the need to develop this essential life skill in children as well as pointing prospective volunteers to the charity.



ARCh - help us put more children on the right road to reading!

We would be so proud to see ARCh - help us put more children on the right road to reading' emblazoned on an Oxford bus!

Please help us help more Oxfordshire children on their reading journey!



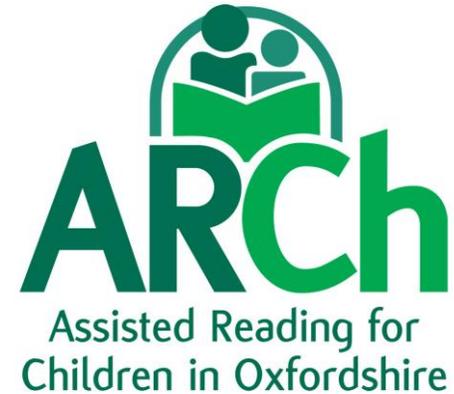
Find out how you could help to change a
child's life

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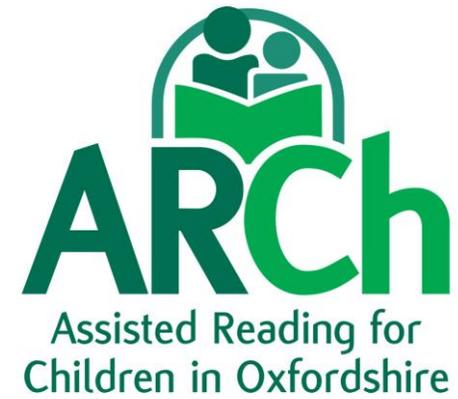
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The ARCh support team



Together we can give children a brighter future