

What difference does ARCh make?

Children show improvement, not just in reading ability but attitude, self-confidence and self-esteem.

Schools say

"Such a boost for children who receive little support at home. Encourages reading for pleasure. Excellent resource for school!"

Primary School in Banbury

"ARCh readers are an extremely valuable resource as they provide 1:1 support and attention for children who often receive very little at home."

Primary School in Bicester

Children say

"Will you be reading with me in Year 4 as I like seeing you each week?"

"Don't leave yet, you can stay longer and read with me."

"I love reading with you as the books come to life."

Children who have been supported by an ARCh Reading Helper.

Volunteers say

"I really think that I've achieved something worthwhile if the shy, quiet child at the start of the year turns into a confident chatterbox."

"I absolutely love the volunteering. It is such a joy to work with children simply for the purpose of sharing the joy of reading."

"It's my favourite 3 hours of the week!"

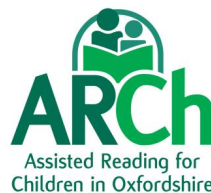
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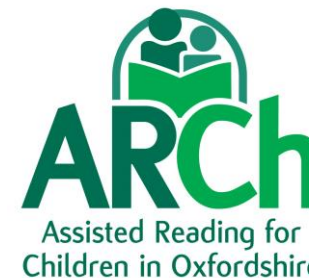
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What will I be doing as a volunteer?

Our Reading Helpers visit school twice a week, spending half an hour each with three children.

The school selects children they believe will benefit from the additional help of an ARCh volunteer.

The child may be struggling with reading, lack language skills or have little confidence. The volunteer talks with the child, reads books and plays games.

What is the time commitment?

Our Reading Helpers volunteer for a few hours per week, during term-time only, in school opening hours.

It is important that the children we work with have continuity and stability, therefore we need volunteers who can be relied on to attend their sessions regularly and volunteer with ARCh for a minimum of one school year. Our volunteers get together in their local area for book exchanges and coffee mornings each term. They also attend a volunteer meeting with talks on relevant topics by local authors and educational professionals.



What is ARCh?

We are a registered charity which recruits, trains and supports volunteers to work 1:1 with children in primary schools across the county. We have a growing network of over 300 volunteers working in over 120 Oxfordshire schools supporting around 1000 children every year. We always need more volunteers so that we can help even more children.

Do I need any particular qualifications or experience?

You don't need particular qualifications or experience, you just need to be patient, enjoy reading and have the appropriate interpersonal skills to help children and liaise with school staff.

All volunteers must understand and observe our Safeguarding, Confidentiality and Data Protection policies.

What training and support do volunteers receive?

Our training programme was specially developed with the Department of Education and the NSPCC. We run regular refresher trainings. Support for volunteers is provided by our team of ARCh Field Workers. ARCh is committed to Safeguarding and this role is exempt from ROA 1974 and eligible for enhanced DBS certificate/barred list check.



What are the benefits of volunteering with ARCh?

- A huge sense of satisfaction and achievement from helping to make a difference to children who need help
- Experience of being in a school and working with children
- A sense of belonging and connection with your community
- A chance to meet new people and learn new skills
- Travel expenses are provided
- Certificates for completing the training
- A reference if applying for a job, study or training