

The Schools' Business Partnership

Time to Read



A literacy support programme for children in 2nd class which aims to:

- Increase enjoyment of reading
- Increase confidence in reading
- Improve and encourage self discovery and
- Improve fluency and comprehension when reading

- WHAT:** One to one reading sessions with specially selected books with a child (two 30-minute sessions) in a local primary school
- WHEN:** Weekly, at a prearranged time, for 16 – 20 weeks (each volunteer does two blocks of 4 or 5 weeks each)
- HOW:** Usually takes place in the school library or parents' room
- WHO:** 8- 12 volunteers who enjoy reading themselves.

Volunteer Training, books and Garda Vetting are provided to all volunteers, along with ongoing support from a dedicated BITCI Co-ordinator.

"I have done this programme for three years now and every year has been thoroughly enjoyable. Watching the children develop their communication skills and grow in confidence is an invaluable experience"

Company volunteer