



Love to Read is a new programme designed to inspire and sustain a love of book reading among children, aged 8-11. It has been created by researchers, teachers and other professionals, with input from children. For more information, please visit:

<https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/lovetoread>



Social: Children have the time, activities, and the skills, to share and discuss books with others

Here's what some children have to say about social:

"I really like talking about books with others because maybe they could tell me about their book [...] maybe I'd find that interesting and read more of the books that they had".

"If I'm reading a book that someone else had read, they'll spoil it for me".

"When you finish the book, you go to someone with the same book as you, you talk about it and you help".

How can you support social?

Create inclusive contexts for children to share their thoughts and feelings about books (e.g., through talking, writing, drawing, etc).

Encourage informal book chat. Support children to develop the confidence and skills to do this (e.g., with question prompts or sentence stems).

Use online methods to share your class's love of reading - making videos, podcasts etc and sharing on your school's social media.

Social reading activities should extend beyond the classroom. Involve families and the local community in your own schools' reading community.

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