

## What is a Reading Buddy?

- ❑ A Reading Buddy is a volunteer who reads with children regularly on a one-to-one basis, helping to develop their enjoyment of books
- ❑ As a Reading Buddy you will work with children each week
- ❑ No previous experience is necessary as training will be given
- ❑ All you need is patience and enthusiasm



## What will it involve?

- ❑ Reading Buddies will need to be able to commit to an hour each week for at least one school term
- ❑ You will work with children to develop their confidence to read and discuss a book, either in English or their home language
- ❑ You will support children in their reading and spend time discussing the story to develop their wider understanding
- ❑ You will need to agree to the school's volunteer policy



## What do Reading Buddies and children think?

*“Reading with a Reading Buddy is so much fun. My Reading Buddy is very kind and if I get stuck on a word she helps me work it out.”*  
– Primary school pupil

*“It is so rewarding working with the same children each week and watching them progress in their reading. In becoming a Reading Buddy I have learnt a wider range of reading strategies and questioning techniques.”*  
– Reading Buddy

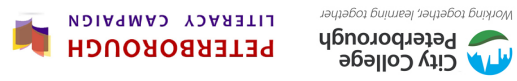
# What are the benefits of becoming a Reading Buddy?

- ❑ You will be supporting a local school in raising children's achievement and enjoyment of reading
- ❑ You will be developing a child's understanding of language
- ❑ You will have the satisfaction of watching a child's confidence, ability and enjoyment of reading progress across the year
- ❑ For some children, you may provide the one-to-one support that they may normally find difficult to access
- ❑ The training you receive will equip you with additional skills to use when reading with children

## What next?

If you have read through the information in this leaflet and feel confident that you can commit an hour each week for a term then we will be very pleased if you sign up to become a Reading Buddy!

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