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Pupils at Summerhill Academy receive a £1000 brilliant box of books from Read for Good

From football heroes to time travellers in faraway galaxies, children at Summerhill Academy have received a massive boost to their reading adventures in the form of £1000 worth of books for fun from children's literacy charity, Read for Good.

Rachel Scammell, Vice Principal applied for the charity's new 'Brilliant Box of Books' scheme containing some 150 titles aimed at children in Y5 to Y8, ranging from graphic novels to the latest series' and firm favourites.

Read for Good has motivated millions of children since 1984 to read for fun through its sponsored read in schools, with Roald Dahl being a former chair. The national charity has given £1million worth of book vouchers to schools in partnership with Scholastic Book Clubs since 2010. Now a new pilot programme to further boost reading for pleasure book selection in schools has awarded book boxes to 30 schools in need across the country.

Read for Good's chief executive, Justine Daniels said:

"Our charity's mission is to support children to love reading. Our experience of running our much-loved Readathon in schools for the last 35 years is that children read more when they read what they love. Children who read for fun are more likely to flourish academically, emotionally and career-wise in today's information-rich world. We worry that without ready access to the books and stories that will set imaginations alight and fire-up this lifelong love, then this generation will miss out on so much."

Mrs Scammell stated: "The reason I applied for the brilliant box of books is because we want our children to find books nestled on our library's shelves that will become lifelong favourites and help spark or reinvigorate that love of reading, which will set them up in so many ways. Books can show children other worlds and possibilities, encouraging them to dream big. This box of books really is a lifeline."

Kind regards,

Mrs R Curtis
Principal



Photo caption: Read for Good's Brilliant Box of Books