

Time to read

Telephone: 01305 762403/762406
Minicom: 01305 267933

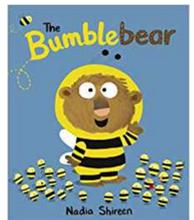
Email: JMNBJobshare@dorsetcc.gov.uk
DX: DX 8716 Dorchester
Website: www.dorsetforyou.com

Date: 14/09/2017
Ask for: Jane Macleod/Nicola Brown

Dear Reception class teacher

Dorset Library Service invites you and your class to visit your local Library and celebrate Time to Read.

During the autumn term, your school will receive a box of free Time to Read packs for you to gift to the children in your class. The packs are designed to be opened at home, so that children can share the book with their parents/carers and get into the reading habit at home. Research shows that a child who reads for fun will do better at school, even in subjects like maths.



This year the book is *The Bumblebear* by Nadia Shireen. Norman is a bear who wants to be a bee in order to have easier access to honey so, obviously, he makes himself a bee costume and enrolls in Bee School. This is a book that adults will relish reading aloud time and time again

We are inviting Reception classes to visit their local library for a 1 hour Time to Read celebration.

- Library staff will help the children learn about the library and its services, listen to the Time to Read book – *The Bumblebear* and enjoy other stories in the library.
- There will also be the opportunity for the children to select a book to borrow and share at home. (Please discuss book borrowing options with library staff when arranging a visit).
- Library staff can visit the school if due to distance etc it is not feasible for the children to visit the library.

By having the opportunity to use the public library children:

- Will develop their confidence and motivation, seeing themselves as readers outside school.
- Read more widely and independently.
- Enjoy reading through shared family access and support for books and reading.
- Will know about the Time to Read initiative outside of school.

To accept the invite and get your class involved, please contact your nearest Dorset Library and speak to the Library Manager to arrange a visit. To find library contact details go to <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/418205/Opening-hours-and-services---Dorset-libraries> or to book online <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/librarychildren/schools>

Visits can take place throughout the year, but late autumn or the spring term seem most popular.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,
Yours sincerely
Jane Macleod
Development Librarian

