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Youngsters at a Peterborough school recently received a special gift to help develop their love of reading.

Year two children at Dogsthorpe Infant School were handed a National Literacy Trust toolkit from Peterborough City College.

The toolkit contained 50 books and reading materials and was presented to the school last month, with pupils delighted to receive their various stories.

The gift was part of the Peterborough Vision for Reading project, a scheme run in partnership by Peterborough City Council, Peterborough City College, Vivacity and the National Literacy Trust, to encourage reading in city schools.

Becky Walters, head teacher at Dogsthorpe Infant School, said: "We are delighted to receive this amazing gift! Like many schools we work hard to develop children's love of reading. It is great to have a team of reading buddies that support our school and give our children additional one-to-one reading opportunities.

"We promote reading at every opportunity including running a reading cafe, book buzz parent sessions and give gifts of books whenever we can. All of our new Reception children receive a book in September as a 'welcome gift' to our school. We have a strong transition programme in place and use the START programme as a way to engage with our feeder settings and parents/carers so our children are ready for learning."

Lisa Alexander, presenting the Literacy Toolkit on behalf of the City College, said: "City College is delighted to be supporting such a worthwhile project and I'm sure the pupils will enjoy reading their new books."

Gary Perkins, assistant director of education for Peterborough City Council, said: "I am delighted to have been invited to visit and see the excitement on the children's faces. This is a fantastic initiative which can only be positive in our determination to help to promote the enjoyment of reading across the city. My grateful thanks go to City College and the National Literacy Trust."