

## Bringing a love of reading to Peterborough

Peterborough Celebrates Reading and Wild in Art are bringing the iconic BookBench trail to the city next summer – and we would like schools across the city to get involved by designing a BookBench of their own.

Whether based on a nursery rhyme or a classic novel, the BookBench provides a blank canvas for creativity, and the potential to interpret literary works in a range of different ways. Decorating BookBenches with their favourite scenes and characters from stories is a great way to inspire a love of reading in children and encourage them to read more for enjoyment. National Literacy Trust training can then help you embed a whole-school approach to reading for pleasure.



“Young people who enjoy reading are nearly five times as likely to read at the expected level for their age, compared with young people who do not enjoy reading at all.”

National Literacy Trust, 2018

Once the BookBenches have been decorated, they will be showcased in a summer trail of cultural and leisure venues across the city. Families will be encouraged to complete the trail and rediscover the stories that have inspired the benches.



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## Cost and size

Schools will need to purchase a BookBench to take part in the project. They come in two different sizes and can be bought in two different packages.

### Large

**BookBench:**  
£1,495 + VAT

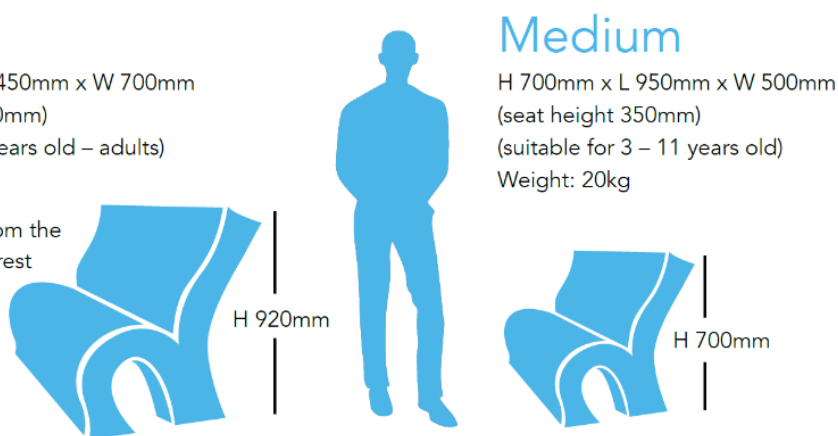
### Large

H 920mm x L 1450mm x W 700mm  
(seat height 460mm)  
(suitable for 3 years old – adults)  
Weight: 36kg

### Medium

**BookBench:**  
£995 + VAT

A plumb line from the top of the backrest to the base, including the fixing tab at the front, is 880mm



Sketch shows adult of height 175cm (5'9")

### Package one

Package one includes the bench of your choice, an accompanying creative education resource pack and **Reading for Pleasure CPD** training from the National Literacy Trust.

The training for teachers in Key Stages 2 and 3 explores a range of strategies to create a culture of reading in the school, and develop a community of enthusiastic readers. The training is collaborative, spread over two days, and includes a year's National Literacy Trust membership, giving you access to a range of resources to support this training and beyond.

**Total cost:** the bench of your choice plus £250 per member of staff attending training.

### Package two

Package two includes the bench of your choice and a creative education resource pack.

**Total cost:** the bench of your choice.

## Key dates

<b>June 2019</b>	Expression of interest open for schools
<b>End of November 2019</b>	Deadline for orders
<b>January 2020</b>	Schools receive their BookBenches and resource pack
<b>February 2020</b>	NLT training delivered
<b>End of May 2020</b>	Decoration of all BookBenches complete
<b>June/July 2020</b>	Follow-up training session takes place
<b>End of June 2020</b>	BookBench trail launches and runs until September

To place an order for a BookBench please visit: <https://bit.ly/2kwMJDC>