

Look for a Book Campaign starts in Shildon

On Friday 4th October, pupils, governors, teachers and parents from Timothy Hackworth Primary School went out on an adventure in Shildon to hide books all around the area.

In all, 88 books were hidden in a range of different locations, which included the local parks, the town centre and even the Mayor's office.

These books were donated by staff members at Timothy Hackworth Primary School and they are now the property of the children of Shildon. The idea is to bring excitement back into reading.

This reading initiative first started in the Northumberland area by a teacher who was concerned about pupils not reading as much over the summer holiday. The Look for a Book campaign is now filtering its way down the country and the Facebook group has attracted over 50,000 members in just three months.

So how does the Look for a Book campaign work? If a parent or their child finds a book and they like the look of it, they can take it home to read. They could read it themselves, with an adult or to another family member. Once they have finished with it, they just put it back in its packet and then hide it somewhere different for another child to find.

Children have also been told that if they love the book, they could keep it forever and hide one of their own books instead. Parents of Shildon could also get involved with their child by packaging and then hiding books in the local area. Leave a note for the finder explaining that once they have read it, to hide it again.

Pupils of Timothy Hackworth were buzzing with excitement when they left the school on Friday to see if they could find one of the hidden books on the way home!