

Measures for Supporting the Promotion of Reading

The Education Bureau (EDB) has spared no effort over the years to promote reading and continues to adopt a multi-pronged approach to support primary and secondary schools to promote reading effectively. The measures for supporting the promotion of reading include:

(1) Student Activities and Teacher Professional Development Programmes

A number of reading-related student activities and teacher professional development programmes are organised every year in order to enhance students' interest in reading and teachers' professional capacity in promoting reading. To facilitate schools in obtaining relevant information for planning school-based promotion of reading activities, the EDB will continue to update the "Calendar for Promotion of Reading Activities" in the EDB website to provide schools with up-to-date information on various reading-related student activities and teacher professional development programmes organised by the Curriculum Development Institute. Schools are encouraged to regularly visit the following website for the latest information.

EDB Webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Curriculum Development and Support > Cross Disciplinary Subjects/Areas > Reading to Learn / Reading across the Curriculum



(2) Theme-based Reading

The EDB recommends reading themes and provides suggested book lists to schools, including Chinese History and Culture, Healthy Living, Values Education and STEAM Education. Schools can encourage students to read books on the suggested book lists and organise different types of school-based reading activities according to the reading theme. For details, please refer to the following path: EDB Webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Curriculum Development and Support > Cross Disciplinary Subjects/Areas > Reading to Learn / Reading across the Curriculum > Curriculum-related Reading Resources > Theme-based Reading



(3) Theme-based Reading eBook Lists and Suggested Reading Activities

To encourage primary students to develop an interest in reading from a young age, the EDB has selected eBooks themed on “Inspirational Reading” from the electronic collection of the Hong Kong Public Libraries and categorised them into three reading themes, namely “Growth and Inspiration”, “Scientific Discovery and Aerospace Technology” and “Biography or Success Story of Celebrities”, so that students can develop proper values, attitudes and behaviour through reading. In addition, each eBook comes with suggested reading activities for schools’ reference and adoption. Schools may tailor-make or design suitable reading tasks according to the interests and abilities of their students, and school-based curriculum with a view to developing students’ reading interests and learning skills. For details, please refer to the following path: EDB Webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk>) > Curriculum Development and Support > Cross Disciplinary Subjects/Areas > Reading to Learn / Reading across the Curriculum > Curriculum-related Reading Resources > Theme-based Reading eBook Lists and Suggested Reading Activities.



(4) EDB Educational Multimedia

The EDB has been producing diversified educational multimedia resources to promote reading. They include picture books, e-books, illustrations, as well as short videos and animations, and are available on the EDB EMM Website (<https://emm.edcity.hk>) and the EDB EMM Mobile Application. Teachers are encouraged to use them flexibly to promote reading across the curriculum and enhance students’ interest and ability in reading, with a view to developing in them a lifelong reading habit. Among them, the “Lifelong Love of Reading” series (<https://emm.edcity.hk/category//341023142>) features schools’ experiences in organising reading activities and book recommendation by various guests, conveying positive energy and proper values, and encouraging students to discover wisdom and lead a fulfilling life through reading.

