

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) Suggested Reading Resources

The EDB is committed to supporting schools in promoting reading and nurturing students' reading interests and abilities, and provides suggested reading resources for reference by teachers and students, allowing teachers to select appropriate resources and plan strategies for promoting reading based on their professional judgement and students' needs. For details, please refer to the Scheme webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/reading-award-scheme/suggested-reading-resources>).



(2) EDB Educational Multimedia (EMM) Reading Resources

The EDB has developed a wide range of resources to promote reading, including the multimodal reading resources, “A Voyage with Books Series”, featuring “Jingling Tracks” and “The Power of Sports” (<https://emm.edcity.hk/bookshelf?theme-based>). By integrating text, images, audio, and short videos, these resources provide students with rich and engaging reading experiences. In addition, the “Lifelong Love of Reading” video series (<https://emm.edcity.hk/category/258B/341023142>) features guest book recommendations that spreads positivity, and inspires students to gain wisdom through reading and lead fulfilling lives. Available through the EDB EMM platform (<https://emm.edcity.hk>), these resources offer teachers flexible tools to support cross-curricular reading and foster students' lifelong reading habits.



(3) “Joyful Thousand-Mile Reading Cruise” Reading Award Scheme

In alignment with the organisation of “a territory-wide reading award scheme” as set out in the Supplement to the Chief Executive’s 2025 Policy Address, and to further cultivate students’ interest in extensive reading and their active reading habit, the Curriculum Development Institute of the EDB has been organising the “Joyful Thousand-Mile Reading Cruise” Reading Award Pilot Scheme (the Scheme) starting from 2025. The Scheme aims to further enhance the reading ambience on campus, boost students’ reading motivation, cultivate their interest in extensive reading, and encourage them to read extensively across a variety of literary genres, as well as materials from different key learning areas/subjects. Through multimodal reading, students will be encouraged to develop an active reading habit and deepen their reading experiences, thereby further enhancing their reading ability and language literacy. For details, please refer to the Scheme webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/reading-award-scheme>).



(4) 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 this webpage for the latest information (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/curriculum-development/4-key-tasks/reading-to-learn/index.html>).



(5) 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 this webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/cr/theme-based-reading>).



(6) 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 this webpage (<https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/cr/theme-based-reading-ebook-lists-n-activities>).

