

## Assembly Resource

Read through the information below about libraries in schools. Do you think more money should be given to schools to spend on their libraries?

### *What works when it comes to school libraries?*

According to a review of school libraries conducted by the Literacy Trust in 2017, their research outlined the following as indicators of a good library:

- Good quality physical space
- Team work to organise the library
- Quality of the collection and access to resources
- Having resources and books for different needs
- Updating the books
- Promoting and raising awareness of new books
- Having a budget to ensure everything is kept up to date
- Good school librarian

*Can you think of any others to add?*



*A custom-built school library in a school's field.*

**Decades of research show a reader for pleasure is more likely to be happier, healthier, to do better at school, and to vote – all irrespective of background.**

*Children's Laureate, Cressida Cowell*



### *What is the Life-Changing Libraries project?*

'Life-changing Libraries' is Cressida Cowell's main project as the Children's Laureate.

Over the course of a year, six primary schools across England will be helped to develop a reading for pleasure culture, with the support of BookTrust.

Each school will have a dedicated library space created by BookTrust, this will be stocked with 1000 titles.

Building is set to begin on the libraries in April, and each will officially open in June 2021.