

Children's Story Books Appeal for Uganda



We've all been in lock down in some form or other for a long time now – but we have not been idle! Working with colleagues in Uganda, we have been able to arrange for early years teachers from 15 primary schools to attend three days of training to teach reading **using phonics**, at Rock View Primary School, Tororo, Uganda. The trainers came from 'Read for Life', an Ugandan NGO.

Now, for the next 6 - 12 months, we wish to provide story books for the children so that they can begin to enjoy reading books. Currently, there are 15 schools, three early years' teachers in each, and an estimate of 60 children per class, so for each child to read a different book, we are looking for a lot of books!

We have found 2 options.

- 1 In Uganda, we have found four local publishers with a good selection of local stories, some dual-language, in English and the local language of Dhopadohla. Typically each book costs £3-£4. So, we are appealing for donations to purchase some of these.
- 2 In the UK, we have found a reliable company to ship books to Kampala, who will also deal with customs and import duties etc. So we aim to collect children's story books in good condition or new. Can you help us with this? Charity shops are often a good source of children's story books. Would you consider searching and buying some of their stock?

The age range is 5 - 10 years.

Colourful, paperback books will be best, and lighter to ship – the shipping charge is £2.50 per kg of books.

Colleagues at 'Read for Life' have suggested traditional tales such as *Goldilocks*, *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *Little Red Riding Hood* etc; books featuring animals; other tales such as *The Hare and the Tortoise* and *Aesop Fables*; others, eg by Julia Donaldson. But avoiding TV characters, eg Paw Patrol, PJ Masks, Barbie, and witches.

We will be delighted with all donations – books or money.

If you have books for us, please email us at dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk or sueerrington@gmail.com to arrange drop off or pick up!

If you are able to donate, our BACS details are: Sort code: 089299, Account no. 65173134. Or cheques, payable to *Devon Development Education*, posted to DDE at 17 St David's Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG.

Thankyou very much.
Sue Errington – and many excited potential new young readers in Uganda. April 2021.

