

PSQB continue their support as Child Friendly Leeds Ambassadors

We are delighted to have joined so many other local businesses, organisations and individuals in the Leeds City Council programme to make Leeds a child friendly city.

September 2019 to September 2020 has been designated as a “Year of Reading” in Leeds.

The initiative to launch this campaign is “The Letterbox Club” – this has been set up to provide books, games and stationery for primary aged children in care.

“This is about inspiring a love of reading and engagement with numeracy in children who are looked after by the local authority. Each child receives a colourful parcel of books, maths games, stationery and other high quality materials once a month for a six month period. For many of these children, this will be the first time that they receive their own parcel through the post and for some it may be the first time they have had books of their own.

Across the UK, children are enrolled for the Letterbox Club by local authorities and schools. The parcels contain:

Books – carefully selected by an independent panel of experts including a range of different genres such as: fairy tales, classic and contemporary stories, picture books, novelty/joke books, poetry, non-fiction and audio books. The panel aims to select the most appropriate, best-written, illustrated and designed books to capture interest and imagination, and stimulate a dialogue between children and their carers/parents. The panel tries to select books that reflect the diversity of life in the UK.

Maths games – at least one maths game at the appropriate level is included in each parcel. The games focus on number and arithmetic with extra, fun

materials to help children play the games such as dice, coloured counters, and token bank notes and coins.

***Stationery** – to encourage writing and drawing, and support independent learning at home”*

Phil Mellen, Deputy Director for Learning

Park Square Barristers are proud sponsors of this scheme.

Further details can be found on their website, please [click here](#).