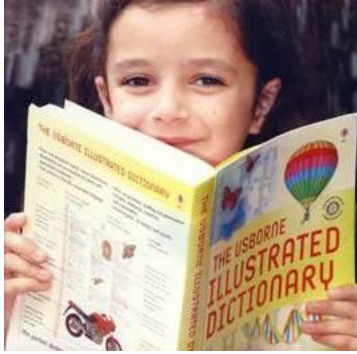


Focus on Basic Education and Literacy

Did you know that in South Africa alone the cost of "illiteracy" has been computed by the University of Stellenbosch at R550 billion per annum?

Yes, R550 billion - that is an unbelievable figure! The greatest gift that we as Rotarians can give to the many underprivileged people around us is the gift of an education. Education starts with the three "R"s (as in hearing the letter R) it refers to the foundations of a basic skills-oriented education programme in schools: Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.



At RCPE we are concentrating on the Reading part, improving vocabulary and generally helping young minds to become better informed. How better to do this than by giving away as many copies as possible of the delightful Illustrated Usborne Dictionary? Imagine a child's joy of owning and reading this popular dictionary.

To help the club celebrate literacy in September, D9370 PDG Tom McGhee handed over a box with 10 Usborne dictionaries to Robin and President Aiden.

