





Teachers set of tree stumps
Kinderbox
Meadow pillow beanbag
Apto single-sided bookshelf - 120cm
Apto single-sided end display - 120cm
Single-tier book stand (pack of 10)

Visit peters.co.uk/furniture for current prices for products shown throughout this brochure

T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

Designing school libraries

The joy of reading is placed at the heart of the Department for Education's updated Reading Framework, so reading for pleasure is bound to be high on the priority list for many schools in 2024. With many children having little or no access to books at home, creating school libraries and reading spaces that give pupils the chance to develop a lifelong love of reading is more important than ever.

Our expert Interior Design team share tips on creating a classroom book corner, using colour to boost mood and productivity, supporting children with sensory needs and more. Looking for advice and support on making the most of your school library? Get in touch - we'd love to help.



Apto single sided bookshelf - 84cm
Postura+ chair
Grab & go cushions - bright (pack of 10)
Sienna bench

CONTENTS

4 Keeping it natural

Fresh prints and creative seating make learning fun

6 Transforming spaces

Behind the scenes at Badbury Park Community Hub & Library

8 Colour psychology

Calming neutral shades to aid learning and development

10 Sensory areas

Supporting children with additional needs

12 Book corners

Why small reading spaces are just as important as large libraries

14 Design service

Whatever your budget, our Interior Designers can help

16 Shelving and storage

Create eye-catching book displays with our space-saving storage

18 Book experts

Let our team of teachers and librarians help you choose books

Stay up-to-date by following us on social media



@Petersbooksbirmingham



@Petersbooks



@petersbooks

KEEPING IT NATURAL

With forest schools and outdoor learning on the rise, more teachers are embracing the power of nature. Teaching outside can bring many benefits for children, including better physical and mental health, increased confidence and even a reduction in stress, anxiety and ADHD symptoms. Or if you don't have access to a green space, bring the outdoors in with our popular nature-themed furniture and accessories range.



Oak book tree
Teachers set of tree stumps
Meadow pillow beanbag
Learn about nature beanbag bundle
Grab & go cushions - nature
Apto single-sided end display - 120cm

T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

Fantastic for forest schools

Connect with your surrounding environment or create the illusion of a magical forest with our nature-themed furniture and accessories.



Toadstools (pack of 3)

Amazing for small groups and storytime, these cosy and compact seats add a sense of fun to lessons. They're suitable for both indoor and outdoor use and are 100% waterproof.

Triangle book tree

A popular choice for KS1 and KS2 classrooms and libraries, this colourful bookshelf holds approximately 150 paperbacks. It's colour customisable and brilliant for pairing with our cushions and beanbags.



Oak book tree

Highlight new titles, trending themes or curriculum topics with the oak book tree. Delivered fully assembled, this stylish shelving option looks incredible in corridors and reception areas. It holds approximately 120 paperbacks.



Seasons beanbag bundle

Usable indoors and outdoors, these comfy seating options give children plenty of choice. Each seat features a realistic print and is 100% waterproof with a wipe-clean fabric.



Tree trunk bundle

Reading aloud has never been more fun! These woodland-inspired creations can be used in a classroom or green space. They're great for group or individual reading sessions.

More online

Browse our full range of nature furniture and accessories online at peters.co.uk/furniture/nature



SUSTAINABILITY & CRAFTSMANSHIP



As a family-founded business with over 80 years' experience, we know the importance of investing in a sustainable future.

All of our furniture is manufactured in the UK and hand-finished to order to reduce wastage and our carbon footprint.

We also make sure we work with companies who are as dedicated to minimising the impact on the environment as we are.



From the woods, fabrics and materials we use to our delivery and installation processes, we are constantly looking at ways we can improve our environmental offering.

In addition to our furniture and library design services, we can also advise schools we are working with on recycling and reupholstering.

For more information, contact our friendly team.

TRANSFORMING SPACES

Case study: Badbury Park Community Hub and Library

As one of Swindon's most important public facilities, the Badbury Park Community Hub and Library houses over 4,000 books for families to enjoy. Our brief was to create a magical forest-themed space for families to enjoy reading for pleasure. And it's safe to say we delivered!

Before 3D CAD design by our team



After Post-installation photo at Badbury Community Hub and Library



Libraries Manager Deborah Lamb requested an inspiring, multi-purpose space where children and adults could discover new titles and authors, read aloud, or share their favourite stories. So we created multiple zones that could be used for quiet reading, storytime or studying.

Since the library already had a vision in mind, our designer, Jay Rose, worked with their team to bring their mood board and ideas to life. Deborah explains: "We had a rough idea of what we wanted: something nature-inspired, not the usual primary school colour palette of red, blue and yellow. The design exceeded our expectations; the forest-themed seating and book trees look amazing, and the colour palette is beautiful: a wide range of greens with pops of orange and yellow."

"We have had so much positive feedback from families who love the space. It's been lovely to see the children leave school at 3pm and come straight over to the library!"

Deborah Lamb
Libraries Manager,
South Swindon Parish Libraries

T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture



More transformations

From large-scale library fit-outs to book corners, learning zones and classrooms, our team has experience in working to all kinds of briefs and budgets. Turn to page 14 to find out more, or scan the QR code on your smartphone or tablet.



COLOUR PSYCHOLOGY



Not just pleasing on the eye, stylish colour schemes have been scientifically proven to have emotional and behavioural benefits for children.

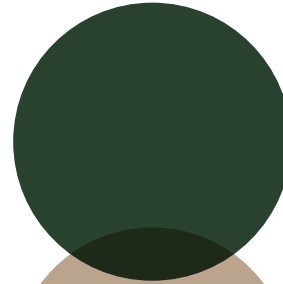
First things first, what exactly is colour psychology? Long explored by physicians and psychologists such as Hippocrates and Carl Jung, this concept mixes science and art to communicate meaning through colours. Bright colours – including red and orange – are thought to encourage mental alertness for group discussions and detailed work, while softer tones like green and blue may be more suited to spaces dedicated to reading or artistic endeavours.

“Colour choice in a library or classroom setting should be used to align emotions and behaviours with the purpose of the space. Young children who are not yet able to read or write instead rely on visual information to make their way in the world. Each colour can bring amazing benefits to your space, it’s just about knowing how and where to use them.”

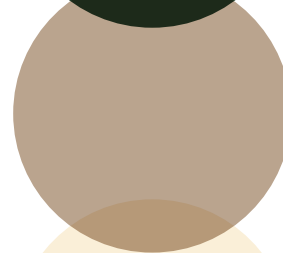
Jay Rose
Interior Designer

When choosing colours, Peters’ Interior Designer Jay Rose recommends considering the different elements of the room, including soft-seating, shelving and accessories. He adds: *“Start with a theme or palette. This means you won’t end up with too many colours in one area. One of the biggest trends we’ll see in 2024 is a pared back colour scheme with plenty of neutral shades like brown and off-white. You can then add splashes of colour to really express the personality of your school.”*

2024’s top colour combinations



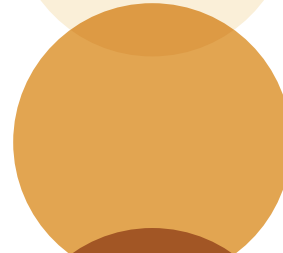
Deep forest green
Green, like its close counterpart blue, is thought to have positive effects on stress relief and concentration



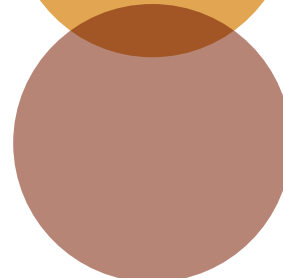
Ecru
Neutral colours promote restfulness, which can improve efficiency and focus



Off-white
Exuding elegance and sophistication, this timeless shade has a traditional yet modern feel



Orange
Yellowish hues trigger the brain’s release of the serotonin chemical, which can reduce anxiety and depression



Terracotta
Brown and terracotta pigments help us to reconnect with nature, bringing us back down to earth

T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

"One of the biggest trends we'll see in 2024 is using a neutral colour scheme. You can then add splashes of colour to really express the personality of your school."

Jay Rose
Interior Designer



More online

Find out more on using colour psychology to aid learning in your classroom or library – go online to read the full blog post.



CREATING SENSORY SPACES



Sensory touch tag beanbag
Octo bench
Early years table
Apto single-sided bookshelf – 84cm
Apto with cupboard – 150cm

School can be overwhelming for children with or without special educational needs, so having a safe place to escape to can be hugely beneficial.

Our expert team has experience of working with both special schools and mainstream schools with SEND provision. With around 16% of children in the UK requiring SEN or EHC support, we are committed to helping teachers to aid pupils to reach their full potential. We work closely with schools to create truly bespoke designs that cater to their unique needs.

A carefully considered, flexible sensory space might be used by all children, with additional design elements to support SEND.

“Many schools recognise that while they don’t have pupils with additional needs in their class right now, they may do in the future. So it is our aim to create multi-purpose spaces that can be flexible as needs change.”

Jessica McCoy
Interior Design Manager

T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

Sensory soft seating

Soft seating is a fantastic tool for creating a nurturing space and providing a safe and comfortable place for children to relax away from a noisy classroom or playground. Our touch tag cushions and beanbags are particularly popular with pupils with ADHD as they keep fingers busy to improve focus and reduce anxiety.



White UV reflective beanbag

Ideal for a sensory room, this beanbag reflects UV light and can be used alongside mood and interactive lighting.



Sensory touch tag beanbag

This supportive chair offers a calm and comforting sensory haven for fidgety hands. Suitable for indoor or outdoor use.



Sensory fleece cushions (pack of 10)

Made from soft fleece, these cushions offer a tactile experience for young children. Perfect for a calm and cosy corner, and for helping reduce stress and anxiety.



Sensory touch tag carry cushions (pack of 6)

Perfect for on the go learning, the sensory touch tag carry cushions encourage engagement and attention. They come with a convenient carry bag with handle, meaning they're easily portable.



Sensory galaxy beanbag

This intergalactic beanbag features a UV reflective galaxy print with stars and coloured nebulas – great for a quiet seating space for children to re-focus.

More online

Explore our full sensory seating and accessories range at peters.co.uk/furniture/sensory or by scanning the QR code on your tablet or smartphone.



BOOK CORNERS

Not every school has space for a library, so why not consider a book corner? Nestled in a corridor, reception area or a classroom, these reading zones can be just as impactful.

The updated Reading Framework highlights the value of a well-presented classroom book corner, an effective, space-saving way to promote reading for pleasure. Show off new titles, creatively display old favourites, or host story time sessions to get children excited about books. With just a few clever furniture items and accessories, you can create a magical space where children can travel to a different world.



T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

Create your own book corner

Mix and match from our flexible range of shelving and accessories to create the perfect book corner for your pupils, whatever your space!



Book cushions - pastel

Create a comfortable and colourful reading space with these lightweight and portable book cushions. Each cushion comfortably sits one nursery or primary aged child.



Grab & go cushions - bright (pack of 10)

Add a pop of colour to your reading space with these vibrant and comfortable cushions. Sturdy carry handles make them portable - ideal for learning on the go.

Octo bench

Create a flexible seating space with the Octo bench. Can be grouped in fours to make a semi-circle, or eight to make a full circle, so they're popular with schools for reading sessions and book groups. Available in fabric or vinyl.



Octo kinderbox

This unique curved kinderbox is ideal for early years, and can hold 80-100 picture books for pupils to browse and enjoy.

Reading pod beanbag

Practical, functional and fun, the reading pod beanbag has a deep seat and a tall back so children can relax and really lose themselves in a book.



More online

For more furniture inspiration to help you create the perfect book corner for your pupils, visit peters.co.uk/furniture or scan the QR code using your smartphone or tablet.



DESIGN SERVICE

Whether you're looking to revamp your existing space or create a new library from scratch, our designers can make your vision a reality.

From reading corners and book nooks to multifunctional learning zones, our team of qualified interior designers has a wealth of experience in creating impactful libraries and spaces. Each space has its own challenges, aspirations and budget and our team works closely with teachers and librarians to bring ideas to life.

We'll work with you to create a library design that meets the unique needs of your pupils and inspires them to read for pleasure. Our team can visit you in school, or work with digital plans and photographs to create a free 3D design and itemised quotation. Then the magic can begin! We can handle everything from the design to the library installation and fitting, as well as book supply if needed.



T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

"Peters has been instrumental in helping us to create a library space that will encourage pupils to develop a lifelong love of reading."

"We would encourage any school that is considering making changes to their library to give Peters a call."

Angela Smith

Teaching Assistant,
Yorkmead Primary School



Request your free design

To arrange a free design visit with our team, visit peters.co.uk/design-services, scan the QR code on your smartphone or tablet, or email designservices@peters.co.uk.



SHELVING AND STORAGE

When it comes to creating a space where reading for pleasure is celebrated, bookshelves are the key. As well as keeping your library or classroom tidy, space-saving shelving units allow you to create eye-catching book displays, show off new titles or focus on a particular theme or genre.



T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture

Apto range

A favourite with schools, our functional and stylish Apto shelving has adjustable and front-facing shelves for picture books, fiction, non-fiction, magazines and more.

Available at the following heights: 84cm, 120cm, 150cm, 180cm



Apto single sided end display

The single and double-sided end display units with curved shelves are great for making the most of your space – entice pupils with soft toys or storytelling resources, or the most popular titles.



Apto double sided end display



Single-sided and double-sided versions available

Apto bookshelf

Great for reading corners or creating partitions in libraries and learning zones, the Apto bookshelf can hold a wide range of reading materials, including paperbacks, hardbacks, picture books and magazines.



Apto with cupboard

A freestanding, flexible storage cupboard with fixed and adjustable shelves – ideal for storing books, files and stationery. Holds 180 or more books, depending on height.

More online

Find more Apto products along with more shelving online at peters.co.uk/furniture/shelving or scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet.



BOOK EXPERTS

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that teachers want the best books for pupils but often just don't have the time to research and select them.

Our team of qualified teachers, librarians and teaching assistants have decades of experience between them. We read and review more than 10,000 newly-published books each year, so you can be confident that we know what to look for when sourcing titles for your libraries and book corners.

Along with competitive discounts and exciting new fiction, non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, we can offer a wealth of support on:

- **Phonics**
- **Inclusive and diverse titles**
- **Hilo reads**
- **Curriculum topics**
- **Book banding**
- **Accelerated Reader™**
- **Class sets**
- **Dual language and EAL**
- **Jacketing and labelling**
- **And much more!**

"I would order with Peters every time. We have made several large orders in the last few years, completely replacing all our library books and they have made it so easy and exciting with a wonderful range of books.

"They are helpful, timely and brilliantly organised. I cannot recommend them highly enough!"

Caroline Urrutia

Literacy Coordinator,
First Tower School



T: 0121 666 6646 **E:** furniture@peters.co.uk **W:** peters.co.uk/furniture



"Peters took the time to understand our brief and really get to know the needs of our pupils. They then put together a wonderfully diverse and inclusive range of books so our pupils can see themselves reflected, read the classics, and read a book in their home language.

"We now have a library that is just right for our pupils and will be a place where reading is loved!"

Rebecca Eaton
Headteacher,
Conway Primary School

More online

Visit peters.co.uk to find out more about our bespoke book selection service, or email hello@peters.co.uk to speak to a member of our expert team about your book requirements.





Peters Ltd

120 Bromsgrove Street,
Birmingham,
B5 6RJ.

T: 0121 666 6646

E: furniture@peters.co.uk

W: peters.co.uk/furniture

Connect with us on social media



@Petersbooksbirmingham



@Petersbooks



@petersbooks