

New for
2022 - 2023



Reading Olympiad

Year 6

2022-2023

A guide for parents and children

The Importance of Reading

At Beardall Fields, want our children to love reading, to read widely and read often. The impact of reading on your child's education cannot be overstated. All research indicates that reading has a **powerful effect on their achievement, across all areas of the curriculum** and into other areas of life (including self-esteem, better sleep, combatting loneliness and general life satisfaction)! Here are some key research findings:

"Reading for pleasure is crucial for a child's cognitive development and is a **more powerful factor in their life than socio-economic background.**"

"Reading aloud is **essential** for developing fluent reading ability."

"Regular reading (just 20 minutes a day) can be worth **two whole GCSE grades!**"

"Regular readers outperform their non-regular reading peers in **every curriculum subject** by the end of year six".

19% of regular readers say it helps to prevent loneliness.

Children and adults, who read for just 30 minutes a week, are 20% more likely to report greater life satisfaction.

Readers have better self-esteem and regular sleeping patterns (which comes with attached physical health benefits).

The Reading Olympiad is our way of encouraging children to engage with reading through a range of high-quality texts: both fiction and non-fiction. The books you will find on the next few pages are by no mean an exhaustive list but have been proven to be loved by huge numbers of avid readers recently or through the ages.

It is impossible to overstate the importance of reading – listening to others read, reading aloud, and reading to yourself - it all helps to build a foundation for academic success.

So let's become Reading Olympiad Champions!

The Year Six Team

See the following for the research that has been quoted above:

Billington, J. (2015) [Reading between the Lines: the Benefits of Reading for Pleasure](#). Quick Reads, University of Liverpool

Sullivan and Brown (2013) [Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading](#).



Scoring System

CLASSICS

Children in Year 6 will receive **one** point for every **completed** book they read. This can be anything – from their colour banded reading book, Reading Eggspress, to the Top 20 or Classic book lists that they will bring home.

However... children will receive challenges along the way to support them with reading widely and the **CLASSICS** are worth a whopping **5 points!**

Children will work towards achieving the following Reading Olympiad medals:



Bronze



Silver



Gold



Diamond



Platinum

Children will receive certificates to recognise their achievements.

Where children are reading regularly but not completing a book, they will still be rewarded through our school POWERs system for demonstrating a positive attitude to learning.



Top 20 Reading List

THE TOP
20



The Boy at the Back of the Class

By Onjali Q. Rauf

There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom

By Louis Sachar



The London Eye Mystery

By Siobhan Dowd

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

By John Boyne

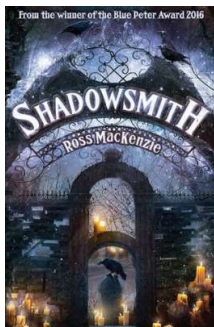


An Edition of First News

Various Authors

The Indian in the Cupboard

By Lynne Reid Banks

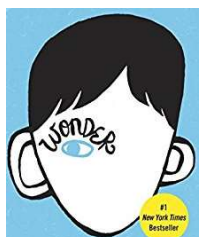


Shadowsmith

By Ross Mackenzie

Percy Jackson/Magnus Chase Series

By Rick Riordan



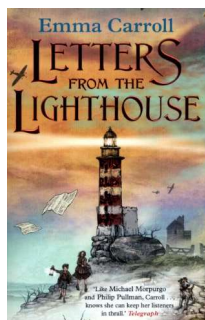
Wonder

By R. J. Palacio

Any of the Curriculum Books in your class

Various Authors





Letters from the Lighthouse

By Emma Carroll

Any of the Horrible Histories/Science/Geography Series

Various Authors

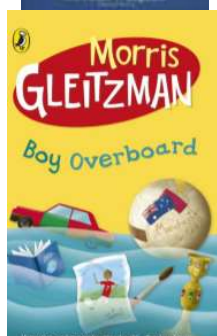


Goodnight Mister Tom

By Michelle Magorian

Room 13

By Robert Swindells



Boy Overboard

By Morris Gleitzman

Cirque Du Freak Series

By Darren Shan

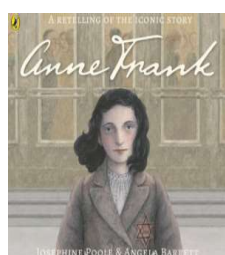


War Horse

By Michael Morpurgo

The Girl of Ink and Stars

By Kiran Millwood Hargrave

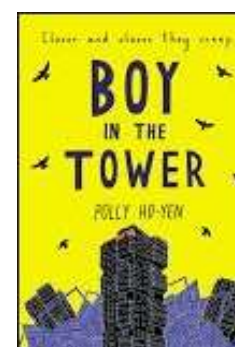


Anne Frank

By Josephine Poole and Angela Barrett

The Boy in the Tower

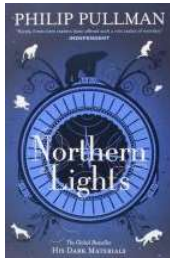
By Polly Ho-Yen



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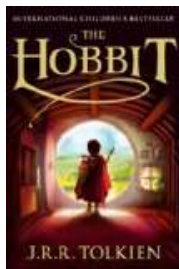
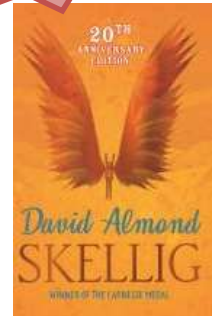
Classics List

Worth 5 points!



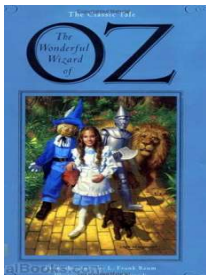
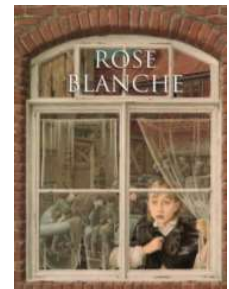
Northern Lights
By Philip Pullman

Skellig
By David Almond



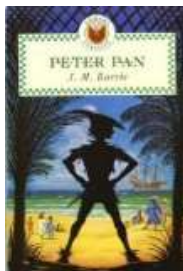
The Hobbit
By J. R. R. Tolkien

Rose Blanche
By Roberto Innocenti



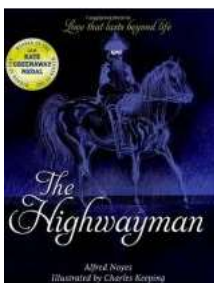
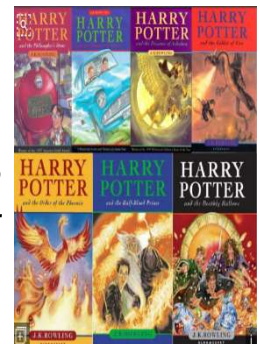
The Wizard of Oz
By L. Frank Baum

Mary Poppins
By Pamela L. Travers



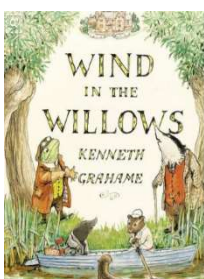
Peter Pan
By J. M. Barrie

Harry Potter Series
By Joanne Rowling



The Highwayman
By Alfred Noyes

Any of the Oxford Reading Tree 'Classics' Series



The Wind in the Willows
By Kenneth Grahame

