



Phoenix Agenda Reading Challenge 2022

A guide for parents & children

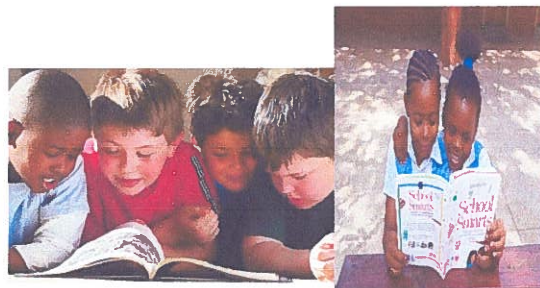
The Value of Reading

Over the next few weeks, we want to continue to encourage children to read as often and as widely as possible. Research tells us that children who are very good and confident readers by the age of 15 are most likely to go on to achieve well at secondary school, college and university. We also know that children who read for just half an hour a day can be up to a year ahead of those who don't by the time they turn 15: Reading is a vital skill!

To continue to encourage children to read more often, we are launching this reading challenge. We want to encourage every child who is part of this project to read more often, to read more widely, and to find something to love reading. We also want to encourage parents to engage with the literacy project, both by helping their child to find and read good books, and by reading themselves.

So take up the challenge – and become a reader!

Phoenix Agenda and Highfield H-YIF



The Reading Challenge

To encourage frequent reading, we are setting some challenges for Pupils at Uplands Academy, with Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards for those who do well. The challenges are set out here, and also in the reading challenge card that all students have been given:

2 Point Challenges

- Read a book someone else has recommended
- Recommend a book that someone else then reads
- Discuss a book with someone else who has read it
- Read a book to someone else (e.g. brother or sister)
- Write a book review

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3 Point Challenges

- Learn a favourite poem by heart
- Read a 'gift' book from the wrapped selection
- Read a sequel to a book you've already read
- Read a book from the Key Authors list on page 6
- Read a book and watch the film that goes with it

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5 Point Challenges

- Read a book from the Top 20 booklist on pages 4 & 5
- Read your parent's favourite childhood book

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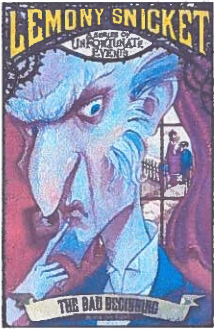
10 Point Challenge

- Read a book from the Classics list on page 6

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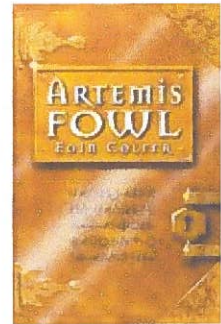
There may also be additional challenges through the year with bonus points awarded.

Top 20 Reading



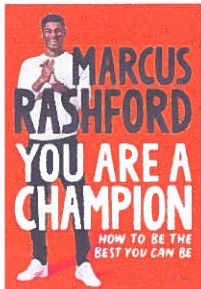
A Series of Unfortunate Events

By Lemony Snicket



Artemis Fowl

By Eoin Colfer



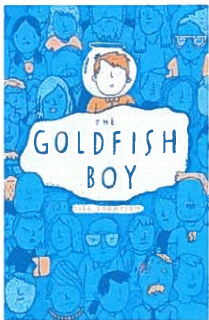
You are a champion

By Marcus Rashford



Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

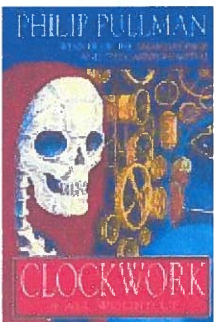
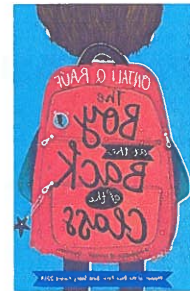


The Goldfish Boy

By Lisa Thompson

The Boy at the Back Of the Class

By Onjali Rauf

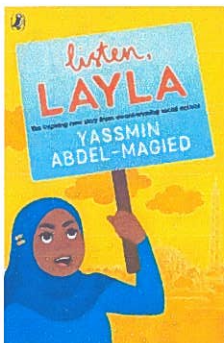
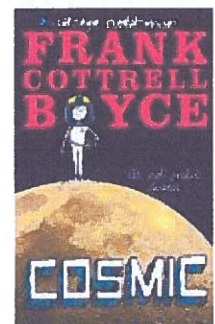


Clockwork

By Philip Pullman

Cosmic

By Frank Cottrell Boyce

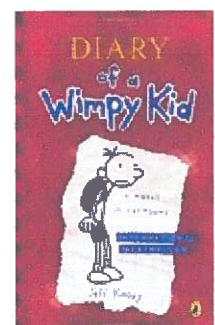


Listen, Layla

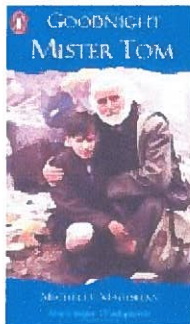
By Yassmin Abdel-Magied

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

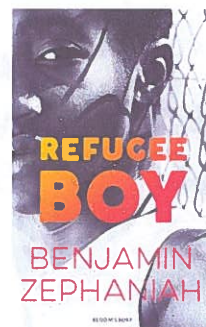
By Jeff Kinnell



Recommendations



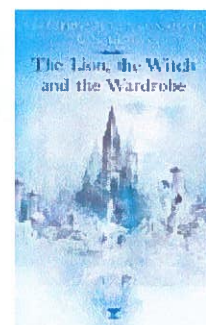
Goodnight Mister Tom
By Michelle Magorian



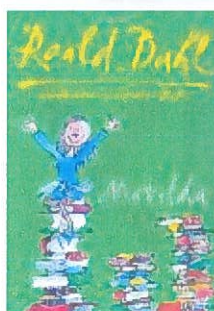
Refugee Boy
By Benjamin Zephaniah



The Hunger Games
By Suzanne Collins



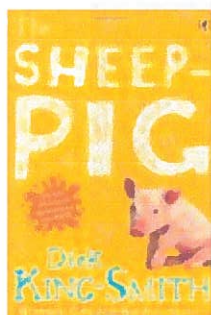
The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
By C. S. Lewis



Matilda
By Roald Dahl



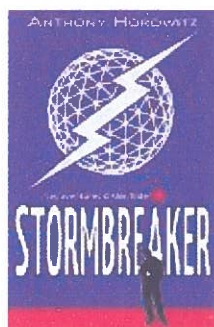
Private Peaceful
By Michael Morpurgo



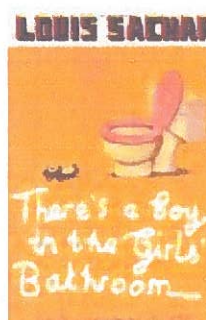
The Sheep-Pig
By Dick King-Smith



Skelling
By David Almond



Stormbreaker
By Anthony Horowitz



There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
By Louis Sachar

Classics

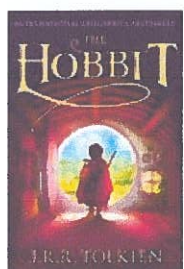
Why not try something different and go for some older 'classic' texts?



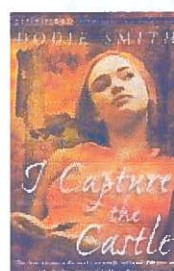
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
By Lewis Carroll



A Christmas Carol
By Charles Dickens

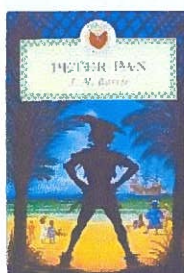
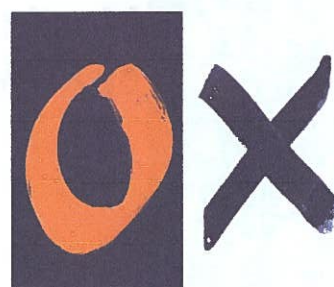


The Hobbit
By J. R. R. Tolkien

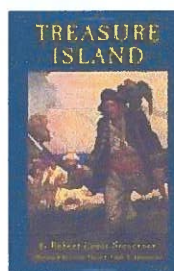


I Capture the Castle
By Dodie Smith

Noughts and Crosses
By Malorie Blackman



Peter Pan
By J. M. Barrie



Treasure Island
By Robert Louis Stevenson

Authors

- Malorie Blackman
- Judy Blume
- Roald Dahl
- Anne Fine
- Benjamin Zephaniah
- Anthony Horowitz
- Michael Morpurgo
- Bali Rai
- Maya Angelou
- Jacqueline Wilson

Good & Bad Reading

Fiction books aren't the only sort of reading material that will help you improve your reading ability.

Reading these will help:



Newspapers



Websites



Non-fiction



Magazines



Graphic Novels



Audio books

Reading these won't!:



Palms



Tea Leaves

What else can we do?

There are lots of things that families can do together to support the improvement of reading ability and enjoyment – and not all of them require a book!

Talk as a family about reading

By the end of Year 6 most students are competent readers and are less likely to read aloud to an adult. That's a natural progression, but it doesn't mean that parents don't have a part to play. The higher level skills of inference and understanding the craft of an author can be supported by talking about what has been read.

Share a book

Just because you don't necessarily read together doesn't mean that parents and children can't share a book. Young Adult fiction is excellent and well worth a read as a parent. Why not both read the same book?

Model what it is to be a reader

Many parents will read, whether it be fiction, newspapers, online or in any other context. Get in the habit of being seen to read, and valuing reading - that means dads too!

Join the library – and visit!

Library membership is free, and Highfields library is just a short walk from school. That opens up a whole range of reading opportunities!