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**P7 Reading Olympiad**

**2016/17**

During P7, we want to encourage students to read as often and as widely as possible. Reading is a vital skill! It is also important that the children choose their own books and are encouraged to read for enjoyment.

We also want to encourage parents to engage with the Olympiad, both by helping their child to find and read good books, and by reading themselves. If, by Christmas, the class have reached 60, 120 or 250 points – they will receive the bronze, silver or gold class prize.

So take up the challenge – and become a reader! Good luck!

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**250**

**120**

**60**

**The P7 Reading Olympiad**

To encourage frequent reading, we are setting some challenges to P7 students. Every book you read during Primary 7 will earn you one point. To earn additional points, you can complete any of the following challenges:

**2 Point Challenges**

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* 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)

**3 Point Challenges**

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* Learn a favourite poem by heart
* Read a sequel to a book you’ve already read
* Read a book from the “Recommendations” list
* Read a book from the Key Authors list on page 6
* Read a book and watch the film that goes with it

**5 Point Challenges**

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* Read a book from the Top 20 booklist on pages 4 & 5
* Read your parent’s favourite childhood book
* Write a book review

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**10 Point Challenge**

* Read a book from the Classics list on page 6

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

**Top 20 Reading**

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| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\borrowers.jpg** | **The Borrowers**  *By Mary Norton*  **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**  *By John Boyne* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\boy.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\carrie.jpg** | **Carrie’s War**  *By Nina Bawden*  **Charlotte’s Web**  *By E. B. White* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\charlotte.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\clockwork.jpg** | **Clockwork**  *By Philip Pullman*  **Cosmic**  *By Frank Cottrell Boyce* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\cosmic.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\daydreamer.jpg** | **The Daydreamer**  *By Ian McEwan*  **Diary of a Wimpy Kidd**  *By Jeff Kinnell* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\diary.jpg** |

**Recommendations**

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| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\hunger.jpg** | **The Hunger Games**  *By Suzanne Collins*  **The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe**  *By C. S. Lewis* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\lww.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\matilda.jpg** | **Matilda**  *By Roald Dahl*  **Private Peaceful**  *By Michael Morpurgo* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\private.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\sheeppig.jpg** | **The Sheep-Pig**  *By Dick King-Smith*  **Skelling**  *By David Almond* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\skellig.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\stormbreaker.jpg** | **Stormbreaker**  *By Anthony Horowitz*  **There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom**  *By Louis Sachar* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\theresa.jpg** |

**Classics**

Why not try something different and go for one of these older ‘classic’ texts? Or one of the recommended authors below?

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| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\hobbit.jpg** | **The Hobbit**  *By J. R. R. Tokien*  **I Capture the Castle**  *By Dodie Smith* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\icapture.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\justwilliam.jpg** | **Just William**  *By Richmal Crompton*  **Mary Poppins**  *By Pamela L. Travers* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\marypoppins.jpg** |
| **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\peterpanm.jpg** | **Peter Pan**  *By J. M. Barrie*  **Treasure Island**  *By Robert Louis Stevenson* | **C:\Users\Michael\Downloads\9-1-12-files\olympiad\treasureisland.jpg** |

**Key Authors**

* Malorie Blackman
* Judy Blume
* Roald Dahl
* Anne Fine
* Nigel Hinton
* Chris D’Lacey
* Christopher Edge
* Catherine Macphail
* Anthony Horowitz
* Michael Morpurgo
* Robert Swindells
* Robert Westall
* Jacqueline Wilson

**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 P7 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.

Join the library – and visit!

Library membership is free.

**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:

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Reading these won’t:

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| Palms | Tea Leaves |