



# *Emmer Green Reading Olympiad*

*Year 4*

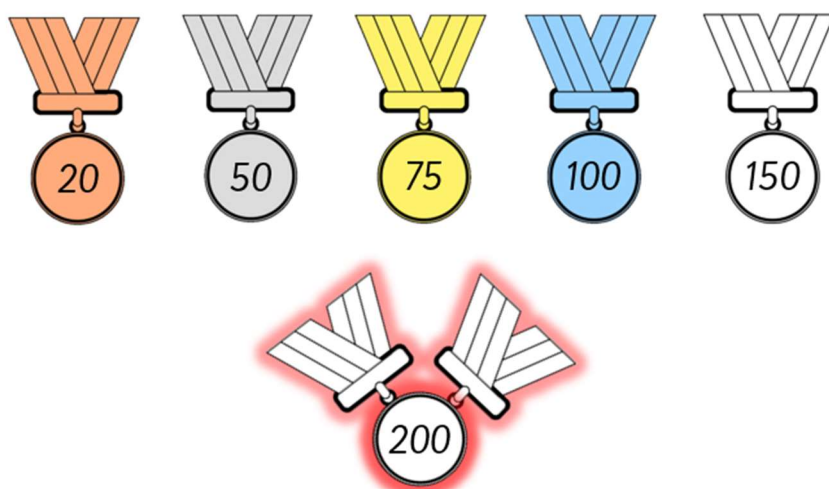
*2023 - 2024*

*A guide for parents & children*



# New for 2023!

To encourage frequent reading of high-quality books, we are setting some challenges to Emmer Green students, with Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond and Platinum Awards for those who do well. You can read it yourself, have it read TO you or take it in turns to read aloud. However, if you have read any of these books before, you must re-read them to earn the points! The challenges are set out here, and also in the Reading Olympiad Scoresheet that all children have been given:



Bronze: 25 points    Silver: 50 points    Gold: 75 points

Diamond: 100 points    Platinum: 150 points    Double Platinum: 200 points

Olympiad Champion: all books on top 50 list

- + A scoresheet will be sent home in addition to this guide. It will be a record of the points gained to earn towards the awards. Each challenge completed must be signed by a parent.
- + Once there are enough points for an award, then hand in the scoresheet into your class teacher's tray. Certificates and awards will be presented in celebration assemblies on Fridays.
- + Reading the Book of the Week will earn you 10 points! Check the display by the Wall of Fame for a new book each week.
- + The Reading Olympiad wall outside Mr Jackson's classroom feature the Wall of Fame, where children who become Olympiad Champions will have their name displayed all year. To become a Reading Champion, read every book in the Top 50 to have your name displayed on the Wall of Fame.

# Points Challenges

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## 1 Point Challenges

- Take a picture of you reading a book in an unusual place.
- Read a book to someone else like family members.
- Read a newspaper, magazine, non-fiction or listen to an audio book.

## 3 Point Challenges

- Learn a favourite poem off by heart.
- Read a sequel to a book you have already read.
- Read a book from the key authors list.

## 10 Point Challenge

- Read a book from the classics list.



## 2 Point Challenges

- Read a book that is not on the recommended list.
- Read a comic book or graphic novel.
- Read a book and watch the film that goes with it.

## 5 Point Challenges

- Read a book from the top 50.
- Read your parent's favourite kids book.
- Write a short story sequel to one of the books you have read.

# The Top 50

These books are fantastic and well worth a read. They are sorted into five main genres: adventure, fantasy, classics and poetry, comedy and non-fiction. Find them in the school library, the local library, online or in the classroom book corner. Reading any of these books will net you 5 points!



*'Reading is dreaming with open eyes.'*




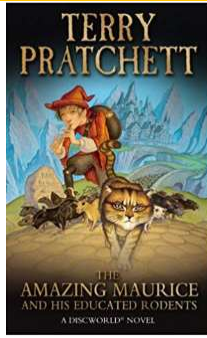

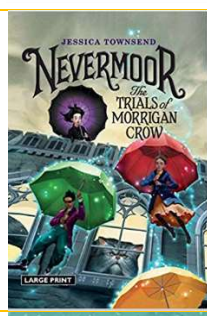



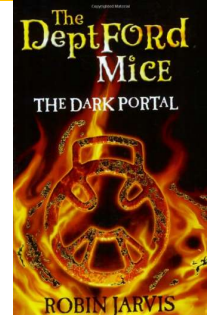




## Adventure

<p><i>Midnight for Charlie Bone</i> By Jenny Nimmo</p>		<p><i>Brightstorm</i> By Vashti Hardy</p>	
<p><i>Grandpa's Great Escaper</i> By David Walliams</p>		<p><i>The Saga of Erik the Viking</i> By Terry Jones</p>	
<p><i>The Silver Sword</i> By Ian Serraillier</p>		<p><i>The Christmasaurus</i> by Tom Fletcher</p>	
<p><i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> By Cressida Cowell</p>		<p><i>The Day I Fell Into a Fairy tale</i> By Ben Miller</p>	
<p><i>The Devil and his Boy</i> by Anthony Horowitz</p>		<p><i>The Danger Gang</i> By Tom Fletcher</p>	

## Fantasy

<p><i>The Creakers</i> By Tom Fletcher</p>		<p><i>The House at the Edge of Magic</i> By Amy Sparkes</p>	
<p><i>Goosebumps: Night of the Living Dummy</i> By R.L. Stine</p>		<p><i>The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents</i> By Terry Pratchett</p>	
<p><i>The Uncommoners: The Crooked Sixpence</i> By Jennifer Bell</p>		<p><i>Nevermore: The Trials of Morrigan Crow</i> By Jessica Townsend</p>	
<p><i>The Wizards of Once</i> By Cressida Cowell</p>		<p><i>A Boy Called Christmas</i> By Matt Haig</p>	
<p><i>The Polar Bear Explorers' Club</i> by Alex Bell</p>		<p><i>The Deptford Mice: The Dark Portal</i> By Robin Jarvis</p>	

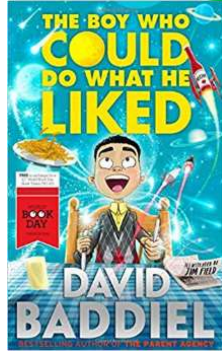


Classics &  
Poetry

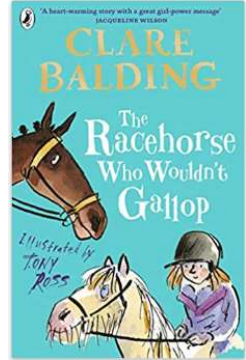
<p><i>The Dark is Rising</i> By Susan Cooper</p>		<p><i>Spellhorn</i> By Berlie Doherty</p>	
<p><i>I Like this Poem</i> By Kaye Webb</p>		<p><i>BFG</i> By Roald Dahl</p>	
<p><i>The Worst Witch</i> (any) By Jill Murphy</p>		<p><i>The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler</i> By Gene Kemp</p>	
<p><i>101 Poems for Children</i> By Carol Ann Duffy</p>		<p><i>Charlotte's Web</i> By EB White</p>	
<p><i>The Famous Five</i> (any) By Enid Blyton</p>		<p><i>Sheep-Pig</i> by Dick King Smith</p>	

## Comedy

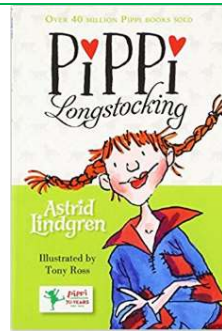
*The Boy Who Could  
do What he Liked*  
By David Baddiel



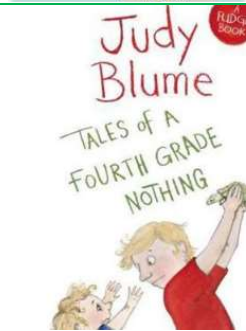
*The Racehorse  
who Wouldn't  
Gallop*  
By Clare Balding



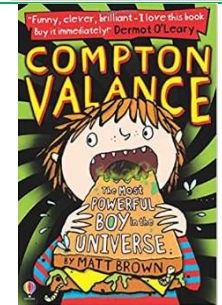
*Pippi Longstocking*  
By Astrid Lindgren



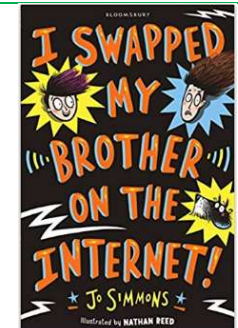
*Tales of a Fourth  
Grade Nothing*  
By Judy Blume



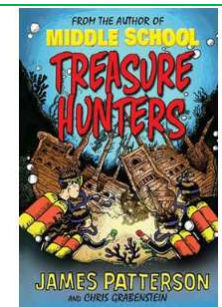
*Compton Valance The  
Most Powerful Boy in  
the Universe*  
By Matt Brown



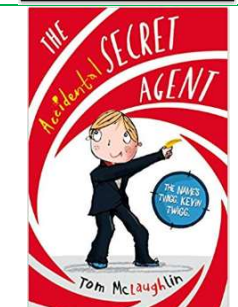
*I Swapped my  
Brother on the  
Internet*  
By Jo Simmons



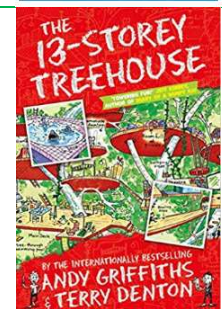
*Treasure Hunters*  
By James Patterson



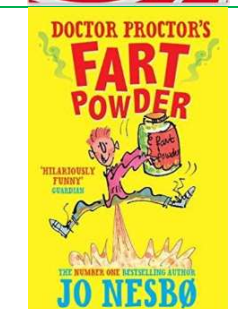
*The Accidental  
Secret Agent*  
By Tom McLaughlin



*The 13-Storey  
Treehouse*  
By Andy Griffiths



*Doctor Proctor's  
Fart Powder*  
by Jo Nesbo





## Non-fiction

<p><i>Eyewitness: Ancient Greece</i></p>		<p><i>Gross and Ghastly Animals By Kev Payne</i></p>	
<p><i>Little People, Big Dreams (any in the series)</i></p>		<p><i>The Knowledge: Dreadful Drama By Rachel Wright</i></p>	
<p><i>Prisoners of Geography: Our World explained in 12 simple maps</i></p>		<p><i>A Life Story: David Attenborough By Lizzie Huxley- Jones</i></p>	
<p><i>Horrible Science: Sounds Dreadful By Nick Arnold</i></p>		<p><i>Extreme Habitats (any in series)</i></p>	
<p><i>Horrible Histories: The Rotten Romans By Terry Deary</i></p>		<p><i>If the World were a Village By David J Smith</i></p>	

# Authors

The following authors are well-known for writing amazing children's books. Reading any book written by one of these authors will grant you 3 points!

- Joan Aiken
- Susan Cooper
- Roald Dahl
- Berlie Doherty
- Michael Morpurgo
- Clive King
- Philip Ridley
- Terry Deary
- Anthony Horowitz
- Terry Jones
- Rudyard Kipling
- Caroline Lawrence
- Jenny Nimmo
- Ian Serraillier
- Terry Pratchett
- Judy Blume
- Betsy Byars
- Anne Fine
- Michael Foreman
- Morris Gleitzman
- Gene Kemp
- Philippa Pearce
- Noel Streatfeild
- Philip Sherlock
- Madhur Jaffrey
- Steve Cole
- Betty G. Birney
- Alan Garner
- Astrid Lindgren
- Jennifer Gray
- Lissa Evans
- Philip Ardagh
- Debi Gliori
- Glenda Millard
- Ted Hughes
- Eva Ibbotson
- Marcus Sedgwick
- Ann Jungman
- Dorothy Edwards
- Helen Moss
- Dick King Smith
- Philip Pullman
- Jacqueline Wilson
- Kevin Crossley Holland
- Michael Bond
- Cyril Birch
- David Baddiel
- Alan Gibbons
- Alan Ahlberg
- R.L. Stine

# 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 Year 6, some pupils 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 Caversham library is just a short walk from school. Activities are regularly run for children at Reading libraries. =Remember that our Junior Library is also open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays lunchtimes too. Come and visit and check out up to two books at a time.



# 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

Don't forget to log ALL your reading on Boom Reader to keep earning gems.

