



# *Emmer Green Reading Olympiad*

## *Year 6*

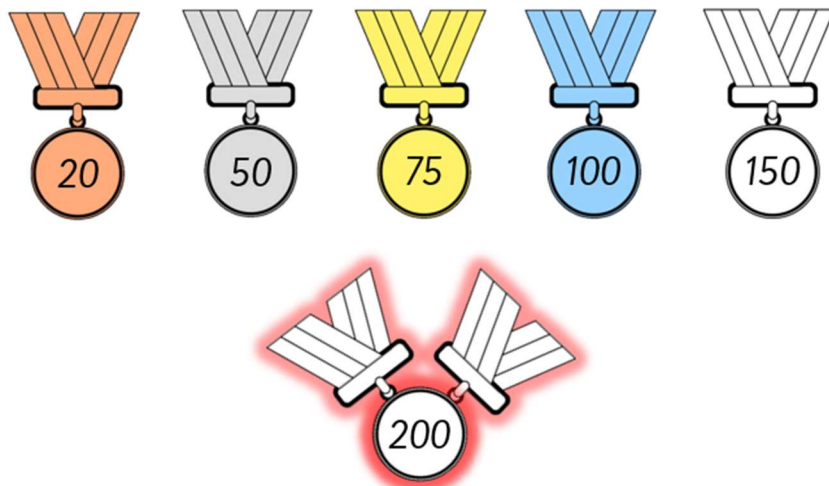
### *2023 - 2024*

*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.'*





## Action & Adventure

<p><i>The Many Worlds of Albie Bright</i> By Christopher Edge</p>		<p><i>Kick</i> By Mitch Johnson</p>	
<p><i>Gaslight</i> By Eloise Williams</p>		<p><i>The Crossover</i> By Kwame Alexander</p>	
<p><i>The Hunger Games</i> By Suzanne Collins</p>		<p><i>The London Eye Mystery</i> by Siobhan Dowd</p>	
<p><i>The Last Wild</i> by Piers Torday</p>		<p><i>Abomination</i> By Robert Swindells</p>	
<p><i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner</p>		<p><i>Code Name Kingfisher</i> By Liz Kessler</p>	

## Fantasy

<p><b>Gods and Warriors:</b> <i>The Outsiders</i> By Michelle Paver</p>		<p><b>Phoenix</b> By SF Said</p>	
<p><b>Artemis Fowl</b> By Eoin Colfer</p>		<p><b>Northern Lights</b> By Phillip Pullman</p>	
<p><b>A Series of Unfortunate Events</b> By Lemony Snicket</p>		<p><b>The Indian in the Cupboard</b> By Lynne Reid Banks</p>	
<p><b>The Nowhere Emporium</b> By Ross MacKenzie</p>		<p><b>Shadow Forest</b> By Matt Haig</p>	
<p><b>The Dreamsnatcher</b> by Abi Elphinstone</p>		<p><b>The House with Chicken Legs</b> By Sophie Anderson</p>	

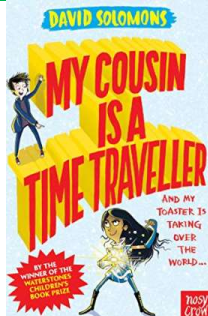
Classic &  
Poetry

<p><i>Funky Chickens</i> By Benjamin Zepaniah</p>		<p><i>Off by Heart</i></p>	
<p><i>The Hobbit</i> By J. R. R. Tolkien</p>		<p><i>Peter Pan</i> By JM Barrie</p>	
<p><i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> By E.L. Konigsburg</p>		<p><i>The Queen's Nose</i> by Dick King-Smith</p>	
<p><i>The Same Inside</i></p>		<p><i>Howl's Moving Castle</i> By Diana Wynne Jones</p>	
<p><i>The Borrowers</i> By Mary Norton</p>		<p><i>Northern Lights</i> By Philip Pullman</p>	

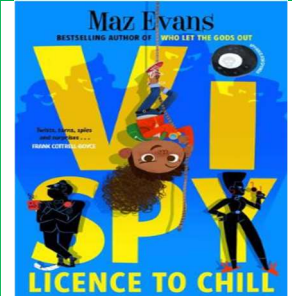


## Comedy

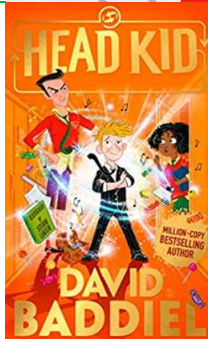
*My Cousin is a Time Traveller*  
By David Solomons



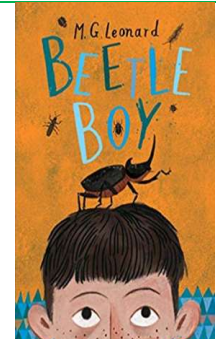
*Vi Spy: Licence to Chill*  
By Maz Evans



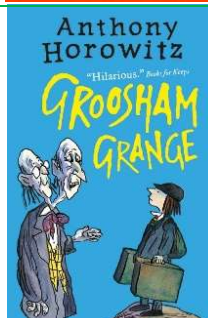
*Head Kid*  
By David Baddiel



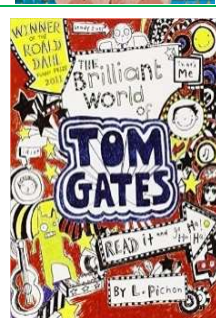
*Beetle Boy*  
By M.G. Leonard



*Groosham Grange*  
By Anthony Horowitz



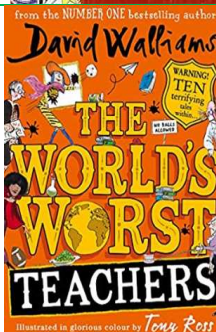
*The Brilliant World of Tom Gates*  
by Liz Pichon



*Awful End*  
By Philip Ardagh



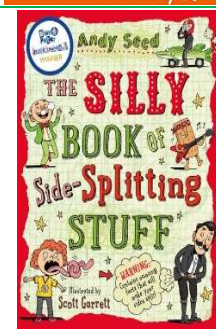
*The World's Worst Teachers*  
By David Walliams



*My Parents Cancelled My Birthday*  
By Jo Simmons



*The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff*  
By Andy Seed





## Non-fiction

<p>You Can Save the Planet</p>		<p>Little People, Big Lives (any in the series)</p>	
<p>You are a Champion By Marcus Rashford</p>		<p>Why were Mayan games so deadly?</p>	
<p>Horrible Histories: Vile Victorians By Terry Deary</p>		<p>What to do When you Worry Too Much By Dawne Huebner</p>	
<p>I am Malala: My Story of Standing up for Girls' Rights By Malala Yousafzai</p>		<p>A Time Traveller's Guide to Life, the Universe and Everything By Ian Flitcroft and Matt Spencer</p>	
<p>This Book is Anti-Racist By Tiffany Jewell and Aurelia Durand</p>		<p>Rise Up By Amanda Li and Amy Blackwell</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
- J.K. Rowling
- Terry Deary
- Anthony Horowitz
- Terry Jones
- Rudyard Kipling
- David Walliams
- Jenny Nimmo
- Ian Serraillier
- Terry Pratchett
- Judy Blume
- Betsy Byers
- Anne Fine
- Michael Foreman
- Morris Gleitzman
- Louis Sachar
- CS Lewis
- Noel Streatfield
- Michael Rosen
- Madhur Jaffrey
- Shel Silverstein
- Steve Cole
- Enid Blyton
- Alan Garner
- Astrid Lindgren
- Jennifer Gray
- Frank Cottrell Boyce
- JRR Tolkien
- David Almond
- Cressida Cowell
- Ted Hughes
- Eva Ibbotson
- Eric Carle
- Ann Jungman
- Malorie Blackmon
- David Baddiel
- Dick King Smith
- Philip Pullman
- Jacqueline Wilson
- Lauren Child
- Michael Bond
- Cyril Birch
- Neil Gaimon
- Alan Gibbons
- Charlie Higson
- R.L. Stine
- Charles Dickens

## 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. There are also discounts available if you have a YRP (Your Reading Passport). They are free to purchase and are available to anyone who is a Reading citizen over the age of 3. That opens up a whole range of reading opportunities! 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.

