



Reading Log

Name: _____

Independent reading

Reading

- Try to read for approximately 20 minutes each day.
- Read a book of your choice (check our recommended reading list or ask the Librarian and your English teacher if you need help choosing).
- Complete the reading log in this booklet for your week's reading

Why is this important?

- Students 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 not just about English; the more skilled you are at reading, the easier you are going to find learning and accessing exams in all your subjects.

To achieve commendations:

BRONZE

To achieve your Bronze certificate, you must have:

- Read 2 fiction books that you haven't read before (evidenced through your reading log)
- Recorded your reading in your log

SILVER

To achieve your Silver certificate, you must have:

- Read 4 fiction books that you haven't read before (evidenced through your reading log)
- Recorded your reading in your log

GOLD

To achieve your Gold certificate, you must have:

- Read 6 fiction books that you haven't read before (evidenced through your reading log)
- At least 1 must be from the 'Classics or Challenging Reads' list at the back of this booklet
- Recorded your reading in your log

WORLD RECORD

To achieve World Record, you must have:

- Read 8 fiction books that you haven't read before (evidenced through your reading log)
- 1 must be a non-fiction book
- Record your reading in your log

At the back of this booklet you will find a recommended reading list.

Recommended Reading List

Note for parents: some of these are written for young adult readers, so may contain challenging content. Please check online reviews if you have any queries.

Popular Series



Artemis Fowl (8 books) – Eoin Colfer
A Series of Unfortunate Events (13) – Lemony Snicket
Children of the Red King (8) – Jenny Nimmo
Harry Potter (7) – J.K. Rowling
H.I.V.E (8) – Mark Walden
The Chronicles of Narnia (7) – C.S. Lewis
The Inheritance Cycle – Eragon (4) – C. Paolini
The Wardstone Chronicles (13) – Joseph Delaney
Young Bond (9) – Charlie Higson

Have you read...



'Mortal Engines' – Philip Reeve
'A Monster Calls' – Patrick Ness
'The Seeing Stone' – K. Crossley-Holland
'Holes' – Louis Sachar
'The Hobbit' – J.R.R. Tolkien
'Harry Potter' – J. K. Rowling
'Huckleberry Finn' – Mark Twain
'Northern Lights' – Philip Pullman

Action, Adventure, Thriller



Agent 21 – Chris Ryan
Blitzcat – Robert Westall
Cosmic – Frank Cottrell Boyce
Hatchet – Gary Paulsen
I, Corriander – Sally Gardner
Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson
Mission Survival – Bear Grylls
Private Peaceful – Michael Morpurgo
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd
The Speckled Band (short story) – Conan Doyle
The Thief Lord – Cornelia Funke
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken
Witch Child – Celia Rees
Young Sherlock: Death Cloud – Andrew Lane

Dystopian / Science Fiction



Divergent – Veronica Roth
Frozen in Time – Ali Sparkes
The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day – Christopher Edge
Tin – Pádraig Kenny

Relationships / Tough Situations



A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen
Milkweed – Jerry Spinelli
Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman
Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – John Boyne
The Cay – Theodore Taylor
The Garbage King – Elizabeth Laird
The Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson
The Island at the End of Everything – Hargrave
Wonderboy – Nicole Burnstein

Fantasy



A Wrinkle in Time – Madeline L'Engle
MetaWars: Fight for the Future – Jeff Norton
Minders – Diana Hendry
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – R. Riordan
Ranger's Apprentice – John Flannagan
Skellig – David Almond
Strange Star – Emma Carroll
The Box of Delights – John Masefield
The Dark is Rising – Susan Cooper
The Girl of Ink and Stars – Millwood Hargrave
The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
The Sword in the Stone – T.H. White
The Wee Free Men – Terry Pratchett
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner
Who Let the Gods Out – Maz Evans

Classics or Challenging Reads



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
Diary of Anne Frank – Anne Frank
The Sword in the Stone – TH White
Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes – Conan Doyle

Track My Reads!

Each time you finish a book, colour in one book on one of the shelves below.

