



Early Years and Key Stage 1 Reading Challenge

We have recently devised new recommended reading lists for each year group. These contain 40 age-appropriate books for the children to choose from. We thought carefully about which books to include and hope they will capture your child's imagination. In terms of choosing the books, we looked at recommended lists which were available online and also spoke to the children about what they like to read and their favourite authors. We welcome your views and suggestions for books that should be included on the recommended reading lists. If you would like to provide us with feedback or suggest a book to include on the lists, please email admin@hogarth.hounslow.sch.uk and place 'Recommended reading lists' in the subject heading. We look forward to hearing from you!

The lists contain a description of the book and difficulty rating, so that the children are able to 'cherry-pick' their favourites according to their current level and personal interests. We took into consideration the Accelerated Reader band that most children in a particular year groups were reading from, to ensure that there was a suitable range. The lexile rating measures the difficulty level of the text - a higher lexile rating indicates a more difficult text.

Once the children have read a book, they will need to complete one of the response activities outlined below. This can be done in their homework book, reading record or on a separate piece of paper. We can't wait to read the children's responses to the books.

1. Recall the main events of the story.
2. Create a timeline of the story
3. Define two new words you have found in the story
4. Describe a character you could be friends with. Why?
5. Draw a picture of your favourite character and label it.
6. List four things you like about the book
7. Create a blurb for the book
8. Personal response

Badges will be awarded as an incentive for the children to read books from this list in their own time and record a brief response. Bronze badges will be awarded to your child when they read 5 books from the list, a silver badge for reading 10, a gold badge will be awarded for having read 15 and a platinum award for 20 books.

5 books	=	Bronze Award
10 books	=	Silver Award
15 books	=	Gold Award
20 books	=	Platinum Award