

Year 7

READING CHALLENGE



We challenge you to extend your reading. All books must be read during the current school year ie If you are in year 7, you could include books you read during the summer before you started at Myton.

You will be given a Reading Challenge booklet at the end of the day so you can begin reading straight away and recording what you have read. The booklet includes recommended reading lists and activities for you complete. Please remember to bring your booklet back to school in September.



Bronze - 4 books in total

- 2 books of your own choice (they don't have to be on any of our lists)
- 2 books from 2 different genres on the 'Recommended Reads' list

Silver - 6 Books in total

- 2 books of your own choice (they don't have to be on any of our lists)
- 3 books from 3 different genres on the 'Recommended Reads' list
- 1 book from the 'Literary Heritage Authors' list

Gold - 9 Books in total

- 2 books of your own choice (they don't have to be on any of our lists)
- 5 books from 5 different genres on the 'Recommended Reads' list
- 2 books from the 'Literary Heritage Authors' list

Recommended Reading List

Please note, a few of these books include hard hitting content, but have been chosen because the topic has been handled sensitively. These books are marked with an * and are recommended for 14+. Check with your teacher/carer if you are not sure if the book will be suitable for you.

Action and Adventure

The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Brockett by John Boyne **Fantasy** **Fantasy**

Alex Rider (any) by Anthony Horowitz

Adolescence

I am the Minotaur by Anthony McGowan

Animal Stories

Tiger Heart by Penny Chrimes

Crime/Mystery/Thriller

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Holes by Louis Sachar

Dystopia

Bearmouth by Liz Hyder *

The Dog Runner by Bren MacDibble

Family and Friendship

Wonder by R J Palacio

Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

The Middler by Kirsty Applebaum

When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten

Fantasy

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Star Switch by Alesha Dixon

Skullduggery Pleasant (any) by Derek Landy

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Harry Potter (any) by JK Rowling

Graphics

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson

Historical Fiction

One Shot by Tanya Landman *

Lightening Mary by Anthea Simmons

Things a Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nicholls *

Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge

Horror and Ghosts

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Haunted by Susan Cooper

Humour

Any by Frank Cottrell Boyce

That Time I got Kidnapped by Tom Mitchell

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by H K Rutter

My Evil Twin is a Supervillian by David Solomons

Mythology/Folklore/Fairytales

Percy Jackson series (any) by Rick Riordan

Relationships and Romance

Five Feet Apart by Rachael Lippincott *

The Humiliations of Welton Blake by Alex Wheatle

Science Fiction

The Infinite by Patience Agbabi

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Skywake Invasion by Jamie Russell

Social Issues

Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah *

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Gloves off by Louisa Reid *

My sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher

Wink by Rob Harrell

Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes *

How to Save The World by Emma Shevah

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf

Two Weeks with The Queen by Morris Gleitzman

The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan

Sport

Kick by Mitch Johnson

Chessboxer by Stephen Davies *

Booked by Alexander Kwame

Secret FC by Tom Palmer

War Stories

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Skylarks' War by Hilary McKay

Arctic Star by Tom Palmer

Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan by Sufiya Ahmed

Literary Heritage Author List

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Peter Pan by J M Barrie

The Owl Service by Alan Garner

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

The Iron Woman By Ted Hughes

The Narnia Chronicles (any) by C S Lewis

The Ghost of Thomas Kemp by Penelope Lively

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit

Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith *

Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

The Hobbit by J R Tolkien

Charlotte's Web by E B White

The Happy Prince and Other Stories (read one story) by Oscar Wilde

Tales from Shakespeare (read one story) by Charles and Mary Lamb *

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Anything by Enid Blyton

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Robin Hood by Henry Gilbert

Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Reading Challenge Activities

For every book you read, you should complete 1 of the activities from the list below. These can be completed on paper or on the computer and will be checked by your teacher. Please try a different activity for each book.

1. Draw and label a picture of your favourite Character from the book you have read.
2. Write a letter to the book's author and tell them what you thought of the book.
3. Create an alternative cover for the book.
4. Write the blurb (no more than 75 words) for the book.
5. Write a review of the book to be read by the students at School on the Accessit Catalogue.
6. Write an alternative ending to the book.
7. Write the first Chapter of a sequel to the book.
8. Create a timeline of the events in the book.
9. Write a list of the book's main characters and who you would get to play them in a film with a brief explanation why.
10. Imagine the book is being made into a film, write the script for your favourite scene.
11. Create a persuasive poster encouraging people to read the book.
12. Write a short essay (around 250 words) explaining what you think is the main theme of the book.
13. Research the social and historical context for one of the literary heritage books and create a brief leaflet containing this information.
14. After reading a literary heritage book, write a short essay (around 250 words) on 'How this book would be different if it was written in the 21st Century'.
15. Choose a page from the book and write a short explanation (around 200 words) of how the language is used effectively. You will need to use quotations.
16. Write a poem from the perspective of one of the characters.
17. Storyboard a film trailer for the book.
18. Write a magazine interview with one of the characters from the book.