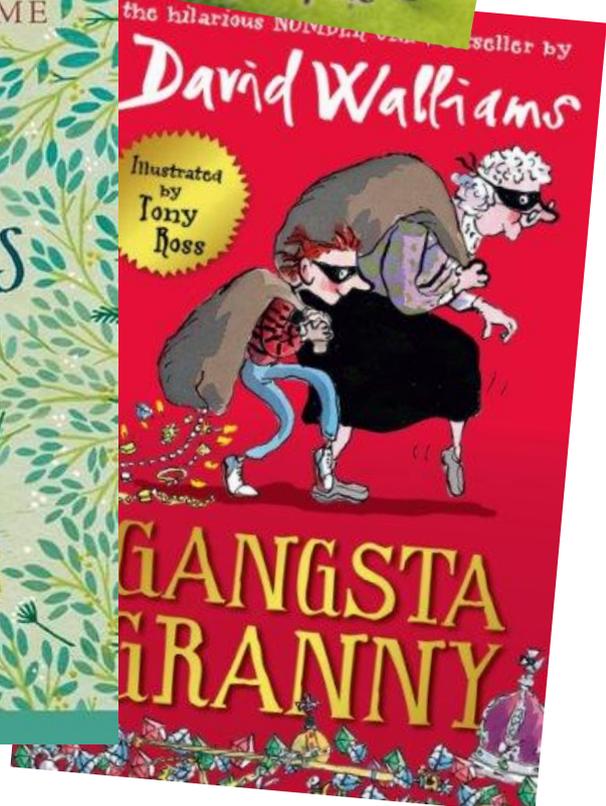
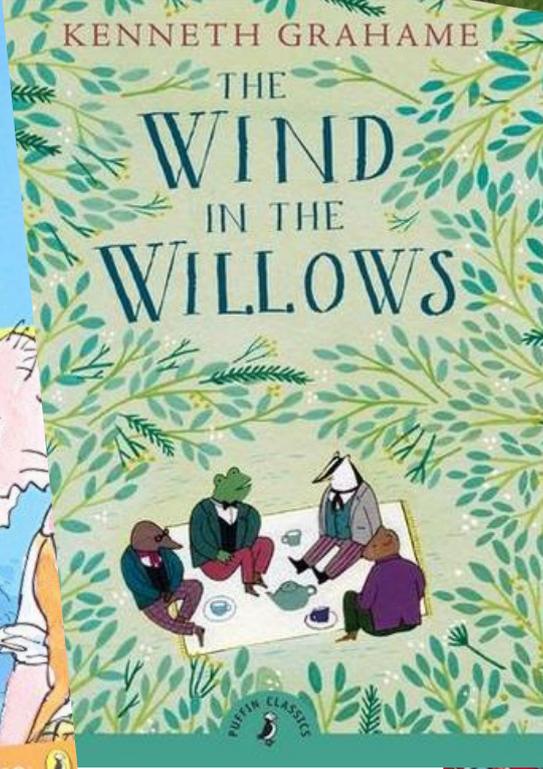
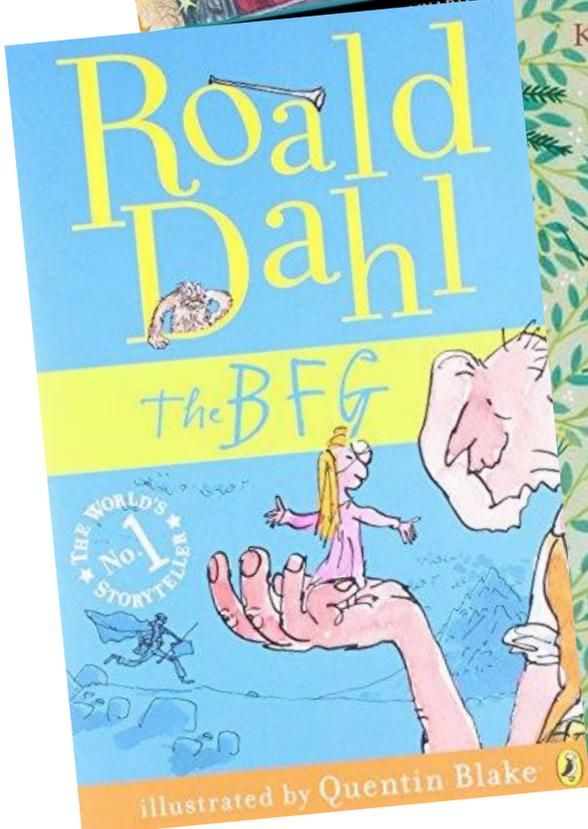
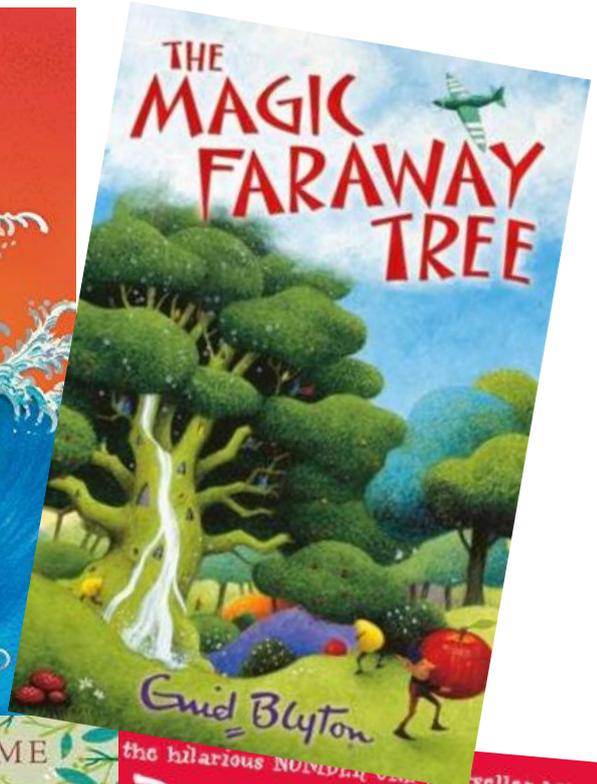
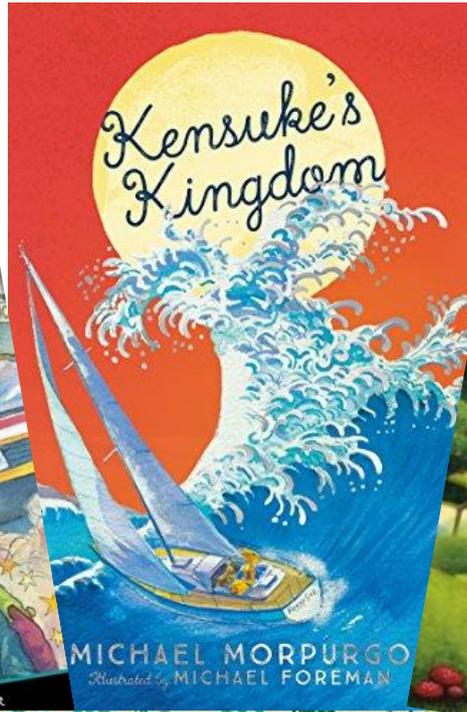
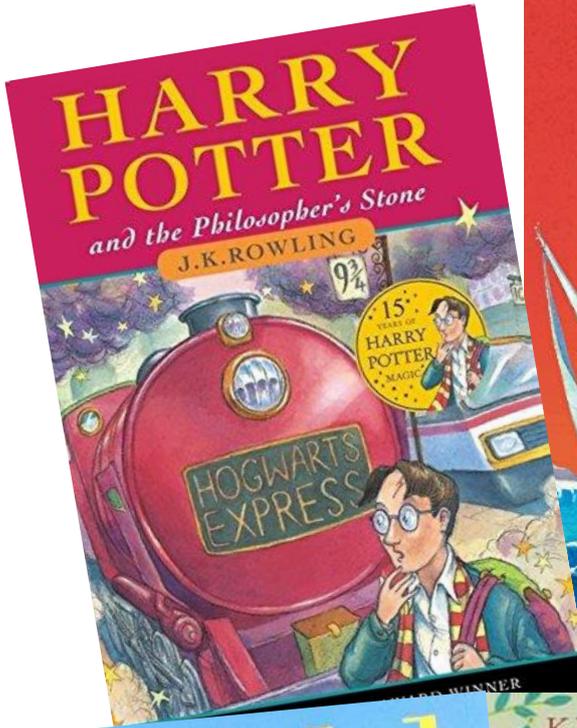


Reading for Pleasure

Summer Reading Challenge



Introduction

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and engaging activity booklet designed to get you thinking while reading a book of your choice and helping you to find it!

What book can I read?

You can read any book you like! The only requirement is that you need to choose a book you have not read before. If you are struggling with where to start, have a look at our literary canon.

Furness Academy Literary Canon

The Furness Academy Literary Canon is an extensive booklist which has been curated specifically to appeal to secondary school students. There is a section dedicated to KS3 (years 7-9) and one for KS4 (years 10 and 11). While you are at Furness Academy you will be encouraged to explore these books. Below is a list of all the books listed on the canon for KS3:

Key Stage	Where can I start if I don't read a lot?	What can I read next?	I want to challenge myself...
KS3	<p>The BFG – <i>Roald Dahl</i></p> <p>Kensuke's Kingdom – <i>Michael Morpurgo</i></p> <p>Goodnight Mr Tom – <i>Michelle Magorian</i></p> <p>Holes – <i>Louis Sachar</i></p> <p>The Hunger Games – <i>Suzanne Collins</i></p> <p>The Brilliant World of Tom Gates – <i>Liz Pichon</i></p> <p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid – <i>Jeff Kinney</i></p> <p>The Magic Faraway Tree – <i>Enid Blyton</i></p> <p>Time Riders series – <i>Alex Scarrow</i></p> <p>A Series of Unfortunate Events - <i>Lemony Snicket</i></p> <p>The Weight of Water – <i>Sarah Crossan</i></p> <p>Winnie and Wilbur series – <i>Valerie Thomas & Korky Paul</i></p>	<p>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – <i>C.S. Lewis</i> (which is part of...)</p> <p>The Chronicles of Narnia – <i>C.S. Lewis</i></p> <p>The Harry Potter series – <i>J.K. Rowling</i></p> <p>Charlotte's Web – <i>E.B. White</i></p> <p>The Borrowers – <i>Mary Norton</i></p> <p>Truckers – <i>Terry Pratchett</i></p> <p>Northern Lights – <i>Philip Pullman</i></p> <p>The Graveyard Book – <i>Neil Gaiman</i></p> <p>Mortal Engines – <i>Philip Reeve</i></p> <p>The Secret Garden – <i>Frances Hodgson Burnett</i></p> <p>Anne of Green Gables – <i>Lucy Maud Montgomery</i></p> <p>One Damned Thing After Another – <i>Jodi Taylor</i></p>	<p>Murder on the Orient Express – <i>Agatha Christie</i></p> <p>Alice in Wonderland – <i>Lewis Carroll</i></p> <p>Sense and Sensibility – <i>Jane Austen</i></p> <p>Gulliver's Travels – <i>Jonathan Swift</i></p> <p>Tales of Mystery and Terror – <i>Edgar Allan Poe</i></p> <p>The War of the Worlds – <i>H.G. Wells</i></p> <p>The Hobbit – <i>J.R.R. Tolkien</i></p> <p>Treasure Island – <i>Robert Louis Stevenson</i></p> <p>Great Expectations – <i>Charles Dickens</i></p> <p>Canterbury Tales – <i>Geoffrey Chaucer</i></p> <p>A Midsummer Night's Dream – <i>William Shakespeare</i></p>

Gangsta Granny – <i>David Walliams</i>	The Railway Children – <i>Edith Nesbit</i>	<i>A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens</i>
Midnight for Charlie Bone – <i>Jenny Nimmo</i>	Wind in the Willows – <i>Kenneth Grahame</i>	<i>Macbeth – William Shakespeare</i>
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – <i>Roald Dahl</i>	Twilight series – <i>Stephenie Meyer</i>	Noughts and Crosses – <i>Malorie Blackman</i>
The Kid Normal Series – <i>Greg James & Chris Smith</i>	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – <i>Rick Riordan</i>	Wonder – <i>R.J. Palacio</i>
George’s Marvellous Medicine – <i>Roald Dahl</i>	The Mortal Instruments series – <i>Cassandra Clare</i>	Discworld series – <i>Terry Pratchett</i>
The House with Chicken Legs – <i>Sophie Anderson</i>	The Enemy series – <i>Charlie Higson</i>	Birdsong – <i>Sebastian Faulks</i>
The Iron Man – <i>Ted Hughes</i>	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas – <i>John Boyne</i>	The Life of Pi - <i>Yann Martel</i>
Stig of the Dump – <i>Clive King</i>	Stone Cold – <i>Robert Swindells</i>	Anita and Me – <i>Meera Syal</i>
Flat Stanley – <i>Jeff Brown</i>	The Machine Gunners – <i>Robert Westall</i>	Turtles All the Way Down – <i>John Green</i>
Famous Five series – <i>Enid Blyton</i>	Across the Barricades – <i>Joan Lingard</i>	The Book Thief – <i>Markus Zusak</i>
Dork Diaries – <i>Rachel Renee Russell</i>	Power of Five series – <i>Anthony Horowitz</i>	A Little Princess – <i>Frances Hodgson Burnett</i>
How to Train Your Dragon – <i>Cressida Cowell</i>	What Katy Did and What Katy Did Next – <i>Susan Coolidge</i>	Black Beauty – <i>Anna Sewell</i>
Cherub Series – <i>Robert Muchamore</i>	Vampire Academy – <i>Richelle Mead</i>	
Any title – <i>Judy Blume</i>	White Fang – <i>Jack London</i>	
Any title – <i>David Walliams</i>	Beowulf – <i>Unknown (but several authors have translated)</i>	
Any title – <i>Jacqueline Wilson</i>		

Alternatively, [Here's our very own Literary Canon.](#)



CHALLENGE 1

Join the public library. There's one in Barrow, but if you don't live in Barrow there are lots of libraries in Cumbria; have a look [here](#) to find them. It's free to join the library and there are lots of resources you can borrow, including books, DVDs, e-Books and audio books. To find out more about the library, how to join and the opening times click [here](#). You don't even have to visit the library to join you can do it all online [here](#).



Barrow Library



CHALLENGE 2

Choose a book to read from your local library or one that you have at home. Refer to the literary canon above if you're struggling to find the title of a book you might like to read.

As school is closed over the summer, we can't access the books in our library, but there are lots of other ways you can access reading material over the summer holidays.

All the links provided in CHALLENGE 1 will take you to Cumbria County Council's web-page, so please take the time to register for their services online.

Here are some other recommendations from the 'National School Reading List'.

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

CHALLENGE 3

When you visit your local library, go to the counter and ask a member of staff if you can take a selfie next to the bookshelves. Explain that this is for your school project. If it's not possible, don't worry, you can take a picture of yourself outside the library, next to the sign.

If you weren't able to visit the library in person, take a screen shot of the library catalogue page when you're searching for a book to read.



CHALLENGE 4

Listen to an audio book. LibriVox is a community of volunteers who record public domain texts. The texts include a lot of classics you'll recognise, like Black Beauty, Anne of Green Gables, Robinson Crusoe, Treasure Island, The Great Gatsby and many more.



Click on the link below and choose something that you think you might enjoy. Click [on Librivox](#) to listen.

CHALLENGE 5

LUCKY DIP

Choose **ONE** of the following options:

- *Read a book recommended by a friend.*
- *Read a graphic novel.*
- *Read a classic.*
- *Read a book with an animal in it.*
- *Read a science fiction book.*
- *Read a book about a different country.*

The Reading Challenge

In the main challenge, we'd just like you to choose some books to read and complete the log below where you can. You'll be awarded certificates and achievement points based on the number of books you read.

There are three sections of activities:

Starter Activities: These are to be completed before you start reading.

While You Are Reading: These are to be completed alongside your reading.

Plenary Activities: These are to be completed after you have finished your book.

Starter Activities

1) Below, write down the title and author of your chosen book:

Title: _____

Author: _____

2) Think about why you have chosen to read this particular book and answer the questions below.

2a) What appeals to you about this book?

2b) Read the blurb on the back of the book. What clues does it give you as to what the story will be about?

3b) Have a look at the front cover. Does it give you any clues as to what genre the book is in?

While you are reading...

The activities on the “While you are reading” pages are to encourage you to think more deeply about your book as you read. As you go along, refer back to these questions and note down your thoughts.

1) As you are reading, make a note of any words you don’t understand. Can you use the text around the word, or break it down, to help you work out what it might mean? Now look up the word in a dictionary- were you correct? Note down the words and their definitions below.

Word	Definition

While you are reading...

2) As you go along, think about the story and the characters.

2a) Read the first chapter. Describe briefly, in your own words, what has happened in the story so far:

2b) Make a list of characters that have been introduced so far:

Extension: The first chapter of a book is important for capturing the reader's attention and making them want to read on. Has the first chapter of your book captured your attention? Why/why not? What would you like to see next? Note down your thoughts below:

While you are reading...

3) When you are about half way through your book, take a moment to reflect on what you have read so far and answer the questions below:

3a) Have a look back at what you wrote down about chapter one. How has the story developed since then? Have any new characters been introduced?

Describe any developments below:

3b) As the story has developed, have there been any unexpected twists in the plot?

Extension: Where do you think the story might go next? What makes you think this? Note down your ideas below:

While you are reading...

4) As you get towards the end of your book, think about the following questions:

4a) Think about your answers in the previous section. How has the story developed since then? Was your prediction for what might have happened next correct? Describe below:

4b) When you have read the last chapter: how did the story end? How do you feel about this ending? Note down your thoughts below:

Extension: Would you change the ending? Why or why not? If so, how would you end the story?



4 books - platinum award
3 books - gold award
2 books - silver award
1 book - bronze award