



Monday 8th October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the next four weeks I would like the children to take part in a topic related reading challenge ahead of our school journey to Hooke Court where we become immersed in WW1 life! The challenge will run from **Monday 8th October 2018 until Friday 2nd November 2018** with the results being announced on Monday 5th November 2018.

The reading challenge is to be completed in the children's own time when they are reading for 30 minutes each evening as per the year group's homework expectations and does not have to be done in addition to their daily reading. Of course, I know there are some real bookworms amongst us and so all children are more than welcome to read for longer than this each evening or read two different books at once if they so wish!

I would also like to ask them to complete the 'Ninja Vocabulary' sheets when they come across an unknown word they wish to explore as per normal classroom practice during their school day.

Below are a list of books that are to be read around our WW1 topic for the challenge:

- The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay
- Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer
- The Goose Road by Rowena House
- Wave by Paul Dowswell (Parental Guidance required)
- Over the Line by Tom Palmer
- Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
- Listen to the Moon by Michael Morpurgo
- Book of War Stories by Paul Dowswell
- Road to War, A First World War Girl's Diary by Valerie Wilding
- Opal Plumstead by Jacqueline Wilson
- Poppy in the Field by Mary Hooper (Parental Guidance required)
- The Runaways by Megan Rix
- ANZAC Boys by Tony Bradman
- Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders
- The Reluctant Time Traveller by Janis Mackay
- Respect! by Michaela Morgan (links to Black History Month topic)
- War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
- Only Remembered by Michael Morpurgo (Parental Guidance required)
- War Girls by Adele Geras, Melvin Burgess, Berlie Doherty and Mary Hooper (Parental Guidance required)
- The Foreshadowing by Marcus Sedgwick (Parental Guidance required)
- 50 Things you should know about WW1 by Jim Eldridge
- True Stories from WW1 by Peter Hepplewhite
- Poems from the First World War by Gaby Morgan
- Archie's War by Marcia Williams
- Line of Fire Diary of an Unknown Soldier August - September 1914 by Barroux
- Walter Tull's Scrapbook by Michaela Morgan (links to Black History Month topic)
- When the Guns Fall Silent by James Riordan
- Stay Where You are and Then Leave by John Boyne
- The Pigeon Spy by Terry Deary
- The Bomber Balloon by Terry Deary

- Any other books found on this reading list: <https://clpe.org.uk/library-and-resources/booklists/world-war-1-booklist>
- Any other books linked directly to WW1 sourced by yourselves

There will be four categories in the competition:

- Individual prizes for the most points scored by a boy – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Individual prizes for the most points scored by a girl – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- Individual prizes for the most points scored by completing 'Ninja Vocab' – 1st, 2nd and 3rd
- A class prize for the class with the most points scored

The following points structure applies:

- For each book read: **15 points**
- For each 'Ninja Vocabulary' sheet completed (2 words per sheet): **10 points**
- For each entry into the reading record sharing what has happened in the book: **5 points**

Please ensure all reading is recorded in your child's reading record so that we can continue to track how the children are doing with this! In addition, as children complete their 'Ninja Vocabulary' sheets, they must be responsible themselves for handing them to Miss Pidgeon or Mrs Lunn. We will not be chasing them for these!

And finally, please feel free to listen to audiobooks, get the children to read aloud with yourself and read to them. All of these will count towards the completion of the challenge alongside the children reading the books themselves.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email address below.

Kind Regards,

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