



## The HJS Guide to Reading and Writing Badges

I am delighted to hear that many of you are 'Going for Gold' this year and are aiming for a gold or even platinum reading badge. You have until July 2019 to enjoy and log the books that you are reading in order to achieve these awards.

Bronze badge – 6 books

Silver badge – 12 books

Gold badge – 18 books, 2 of which are classics.

Platinum badge – 50 books, 5 of which are classics.

### What is a 'classic' book?

To be regarded as a children's classic, a book must typically be at least 20 years old and has something about it which has caused it to endure and remain popular. Most have 'old fashioned' language and aspects of plot and character which seem dated, however true classics will still appeal to children and adults across the generations. A classic book is also regarded as a high quality text.

### Popular classics

This is by no means an exhaustive list but you may wish to try...

#### 19<sup>th</sup> Century

- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
- What Katy Did – Susan Coolidge
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
- The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood – Howard Pyle
- Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
- Little Lord Fauntleroy - Frances Hodgson Burnett
- The Happy Prince and Other Tales – Oscar Wilde
- The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - L. Frank Baum
- Five Children and It, The Railway Children – E. Nesbit
- Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling
- A Little Princess, The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- White Fang – Jack London
- Anne of Green Gables – Lucy Maud Montgomery
- The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
- The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle – Hugh Lofting
- Swallows and Amazons – Arthur Ransome
- Little House in the Big Woods – Laura Ingalls Wilder
- The Hobbit – J.R.R Tolkien
- The Little Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis

Please keep a record of the books you have read on a reading award slip, which are available from your class teacher or the school library. Once you have completed your reading award slip, drop it in the reading award box which is in the school library.

### Writing Badges

To earn a writing badge you need to hand in a quality piece of independent writing to Mrs Hughes. Be prepared to make any necessary edits before you are awarded a badge!

- First piece of independent writing – bronze badge
- Second piece – silver badge
- Third piece – gold badge.

Happy reading and writing!

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