

Forton 'The More You Read...' Challenge!

Alongside reading individually to their teachers and guided reading sessions in school, children apply the skills they learn using the Oxford Reading Scheme at home. They begin at Level 1 and move through the scheme progressively up to Level 20.

Once the children reach gold Book Band, they will start the Forton 'The More You Read...' Challenge. This is a newly developed reading challenge for them to embark on. Our 'The More You Read' Challenge is a selection of new and classic fiction that children can work their way through.

They are organised by level from Brass, Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. We aim for our children to begin on Bronze level books in year three and then progress on to Platinum when they reach year six. There are a selection of books in each section for the children to choose from, some 'fresh off the shelf' and others are literary classics. The children then read these books during class reading time or at home and then upon finishing, will go and speak to a staff member about that book.

All staff have a number of books on which they are an 'expert', therefore when children come to speak to that 'expert' about their book, the member of staff is able to gather their level of comprehension of the text and decide whether that child can move on to another book.

We love hearing this 'book talk' going on around school between staff and children but more importantly, between children as they discuss their book and make recommendations to their friends, it is great! On completion of a level, having read at least six books in Brass, seven in Copper and eight books in Bronze and Silver, ten in Gold and Platinum, children will then have the opportunity to visit a bookshop and choose their favourite book from the list or by the same author to buy. We have seen a huge shift in the reading culture around school, as our children move from being competent, to confident readers!