

The purpose of the reading passport is to encourage children to read a wide range of genres. Research has shown that exposure to a diversity of genres is more beneficial to building a variety of literacy skills than always reading the same genre and/or author.

There are three passports; bronze, silver and gold. Children will aim to complete one passport per term. However, if it takes a child longer than a term to complete a passport they will carry on into the following term.

The child, or adult, will record the name and author in the reading passport and the child will give it a star rating. The star rating is out of 5, with 5 meaning that the child enjoyed the book, and would highly recommend it to others. A rating of 1 would mean the child did not enjoy the book and would not recommend it to others. As part of a discussion with their class teacher about their reading, a child may be asked to justify their rating, for example they may rate it 2 because they feel that the story was too slow, or they may rate a book 5 because it had a fantastic story that kept their interest. There is no right or wrong answer, it is the child's own opinion and this is an opportunity for them to practise justifying their opinions.

Part of the passport is to read three books based on a theme; for example, football. They might select a factual book about the sport, a fiction book e.g. Frank Lampard's collection of stories 'Frankie's Magic Football' or an autobiography of someone associated with football. This could coincide with the topics covered in class and themes may be suggested by the year group.

If required, teachers, teaching assistants, or the librarian will support children in selecting a theme and appropriate books.

During a Guided Reading Session, in class, the children will complete a written exercise that will ask them to compare the books they have read on a similar theme. This is one of the new expectations of the national curriculum. Once this is completed, the class teacher will mark this off on the reading passport.

The rest of the reading passport does not need to be linked to a theme but does need to reflect the genres in the passport.