

## Blue Peter Book Review Challenge

*Through the Blue Peter Book Review Challenge, we aim to inspire children to see themselves as readers, writers and reviewers - and to discover just how powerful a love of reading can be.*

### Reading for Pleasure and Purpose

As part of our English Enrichment programme and our ongoing focus on reading for pleasure, we regularly set creative and engaging homework tasks that motivate children to read widely and talk confidently about books. One such opportunity is our Blue Peter Book Review Challenge, which is open to all children in Years 1–6.

### What Is the Challenge?

Every child is invited to write a **book review** based on a book they have read and enjoyed. This allows children to respond to texts in a way that suits them and celebrates reading in a personal and meaningful way.

Children might choose to:

- Write about characters they loved (or disliked!)
- Describe exciting adventures or new worlds they explored through reading
- Explain why they would recommend the book to a friend
- Create an illustration of a favourite character or scene from the story



The focus is not on how long or formal the review is, but on engagement, enjoyment and expression.

### A Real Purpose for Writing

Once completed, each child's book review will be submitted to Blue Peter, giving every participant the opportunity to earn a Blue Peter Book Badge.

This gives pupils:

- A genuine audience for their writing
- A sense of pride and achievement
- A clear connection between reading, writing and real-world recognition

The Blue Peter Book Badge is designed by one of the UK's most celebrated illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake, making it a truly special reward for reading.

### Why the Blue Peter Book Badge Matters

Children who earn a Blue Peter Book Badge receive more than just a badge. With a valid badge card, badge holders can gain free entry to over 200 attractions across the UK, including:

- Theme parks
- Zoos
- Museums
- Castles and heritage sites

This makes reading even more rewarding and helps families create shared experiences linked to books and stories.

### Supporting Reading for Pleasure

This challenge supports our commitment to:

- Encouraging independent reading
- Building confidence in expressing opinions about books
- Valuing creativity and personal response
- Making reading enjoyable, motivating and inclusive

It also aligns closely with national reading priorities and supports children's oracy, writing stamina and cultural capital.

### Working Together

We encourage families to:

- Talk with children about what they are reading
- Support them in choosing a book they genuinely enjoy
- Celebrate their effort and creativity

Reading is most powerful when it is shared, talked about and enjoyed together.

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