

# Parsons Down Partnership



*Her Britannic Majesty's  
Secretary of State  
Requests and Requires  
in the Name of Her Majesty  
all those whom it may concern  
to allow the bearer to read freely  
without let or hindrance,  
and to afford the bearer  
such assistance as maybe necessary*



# READING PASSPORT *Upper School*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children are creatures of habit: they will often stick to one author or genre of book that they've fallen in love with.

While a love of reading of any sort is to be nurtured, when a child only reads a limited range, their growth and the benefits they gain may not be as broad as if they were to explore more types of books.

Opening up to reading other genres and authors can be a big advantage for children in the long term.

1. **More book variety grows their entire world** – it helps them develop a broad perspective on the world around them.
2. **Your child's vocabulary will improve** – with each new word encountered in the broad range of reading materials they're consuming, their vocabulary grows.
3. **Their must-read list will be never-ending** – reading a variety of books will help your child grow their love of reading and it will fuel their motivations to read more and more.
4. **It contributes to your child's development socially and emotionally** – reading conjures up different emotions and ways of expression, and the more variety in reading material, the greater range and depth of your child's social and emotional development.

### A bit about the different genres

<b>Realistic Fiction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set in normal places.</li> <li>• Story plots include families and personal relationships</li> </ul>
<b>Historical</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life in the past</li> <li>• Big events or battles</li> <li>• Famous historical people or fictionalised characters</li> </ul>
<b>Thriller</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of action</li> <li>• Heroes are often linked to law</li> <li>• Characters chase each other</li> <li>• There may be a time limit or countdown</li> </ul>
<b>Mystery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A strong hook</li> <li>• Active reader involvement in piecing together information</li> <li>• Red herrings (fake clues)</li> <li>• Cliff-hangers</li> </ul>
<b>Ghost/ Horror</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scary settings</li> <li>• Main character battles dangerous, almost unstoppable enemies</li> <li>• Lots of people might die in the story</li> </ul>
<b>Fantasy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made-up characters – dwarves, elves, warriors, dragons</li> <li>• Story line could be a quest for an important object or a battle between different sides</li> </ul>
<b>Science Fiction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting usually set in space or a futuristic time</li> <li>• Futuristic technology is used in interesting ways</li> </ul>
<b>Poetry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A choice of words which uses sound and rhythm to inspire thoughts, feelings and interpretations.</li> </ul>
<b>Biography/ Autobiography</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A story about a real-life person that is written by them or someone else</li> </ul>
<b>Non Fiction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers or magazines</li> <li>• Information books on a particular topic</li> </ul>

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<b>Own Choice</b>	<b>Own Choice</b>	<b>Own Choice</b>

**Write title/author/start and end date in each box**

