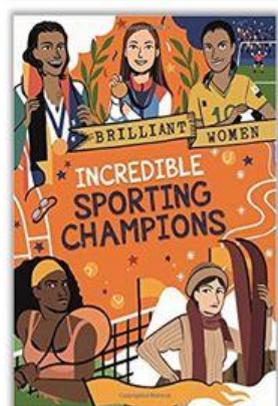
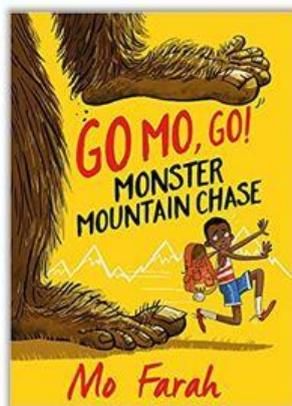
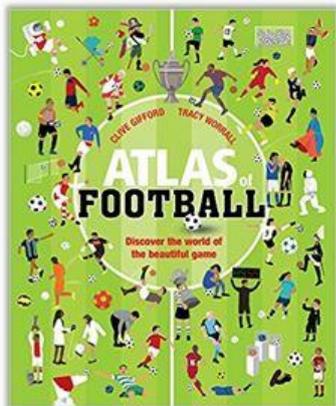
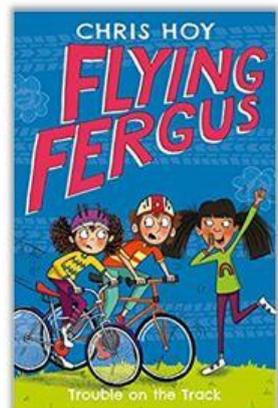
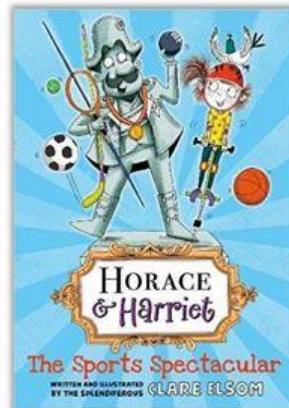
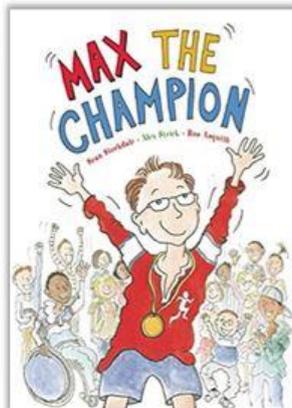
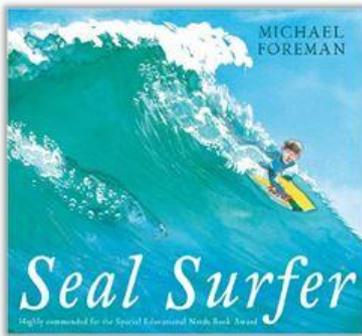




Chatterbooks Activity Pack

Sporty Stories



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Sporty stories

This year has been a fantastic time for children to be inspired by athletes succeeding and persevering in their various sports. Whether it be during the Winter Olympics, the World Cup, Wimbledon and the Tour de France; or watching amateurs competing in the London Marathon – there were many moments of amazement.

Here is a Chatterbooks pack from The Reading Agency with ideas for Chatterbooks reading group activities and discussion to build upon all of the excitement started by the real-life sporty stories of 2018. We are happy to bring you a great collection of sporty stories and activities that everyone can enjoy.

This pack is brought to you by **The Reading Agency** and their publisher partnership **Children’s Reading Partners**.

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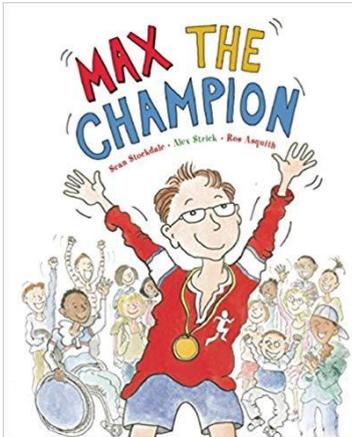
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The books



Sean Stockdale, Alex Strick and Ros Asquith **Max the Champion**

Frances Lincoln Children's Books

978-1847805195

Max is mad about sport. As he gets up, has breakfast and heads off to school, he is dreaming of competing in world class sporting events. In his real day, he and his class win the school football match and, in his imagination, he and his friends are winning the World Cup. This is a lively and fun approach to sport, and a very inclusive picture book showing disabled children and children without disabilities enjoying

different sports together in a natural way. The sports include football, rugby, athletics, cricket, diving, discus throwing and cycling.

Sean Stockdale is an ex-teacher who is now Communications Manager for NASEN. He has extensive experience of working with disabled children and promoting equality and inclusion.

Alex Strick has taught (EFL) and worked in children's play/youthwork. She has considerable experience of working directly with disabled children and managing projects seeking to develop equality and inclusion. She has also worked in the children's book world for much of the past fifteen years. At Booktrust, she managed programmes like Bookstart and Children's Book Week, was deputy executive director and regularly reviewed children's books for the Guardian. She is now a consultant to Booktrust on all aspects of disability and diversity, as well as working with various other agencies and charities (she is co-founder of Outside In, the UK organisation dedicated to exploring books from around the world).

Ros Asquith has been a Guardian cartoonist for 20 years, and has written and illustrated over 70 books for young people, including the bestseller *The Great Big Book of Families*, with Mary Hoffman, the *Teenage Worrier* series, *Letters from an Alien Schoolboy* - which was shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize - and her debut picture story book *It's Not Fairy*. Ros lives in north London with her husband and two sons.

Discussion

In the book, Max imagines all of his friends taking part in various sports. This includes his friends who have an impairment or disability. Sport for athletes with an impairment has existed for more than 100 years, and the first sports clubs for the deaf were already in existence in 1888 in Berlin. The first official Paralympic Games, no longer open solely to war veterans, was held in Rome in 1960. The 2012 Paralympic Games program included 20 sports and 21 disciplines. Canoe and triathlon made their debuts at Rio 2016. Badminton and taekwondo are set to make their Paralympic debuts at the 2020 Games.

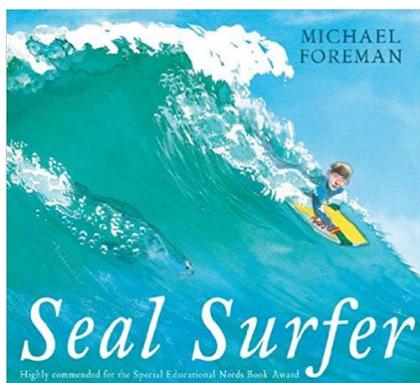
- Have the children watched the Paralympic Games?
- If they have, what can they remember at the Games?

You may also want to show the group some Paralympic videos so that they can see some of the sports discussed being played: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ParalympicSportTV>

- What sport would you like to try? Why?

Activity

The official website of the Paralympic Movement [<https://www.paralympic.org/the-ipc/paralympic-school-day>] has a photo game for your group to play enjoy: https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120515085705615_Card_9_Photo_Game.pdf



Michael Foreman **Seal Surfer**

Andersen Press **978-1842705780**

A boy and his grandfather watch as a baby seal is born on the rocks near their home and from that day a special friendship is created between them. Despite his disability, the boy is a keen surfer, and he enjoys many afternoons surfing with the seals. One day, however, he gets into trouble in rough seas, and the young seal saves him. Their friendship brings happiness and meaning at

the important stages of the boy's life.

Michael Foreman's numerous books for children have earned him widespread recognition as one of the world's most celebrated illustrators. He has worked on a vast range of children's books, and has collaborated with many great authors including Michael Morpurgo and Terry Jones. He also writes and illustrates his own books, including War Boy and War Game - winners of the Kate Greenaway Award and Smarties Book Prize respectively.

Discussion

Winning and losing

*There's a breathless hush in the Close to-night --
Ten to make and the match to win --
A bumping pitch and a blinding light,
An hour to play and the last man in.
And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,*

But his Captain's hand on his shoulder smote

"Play up! play up! and play the game!" **From *Vitai Lampada* by Sir Henry Newbolt**

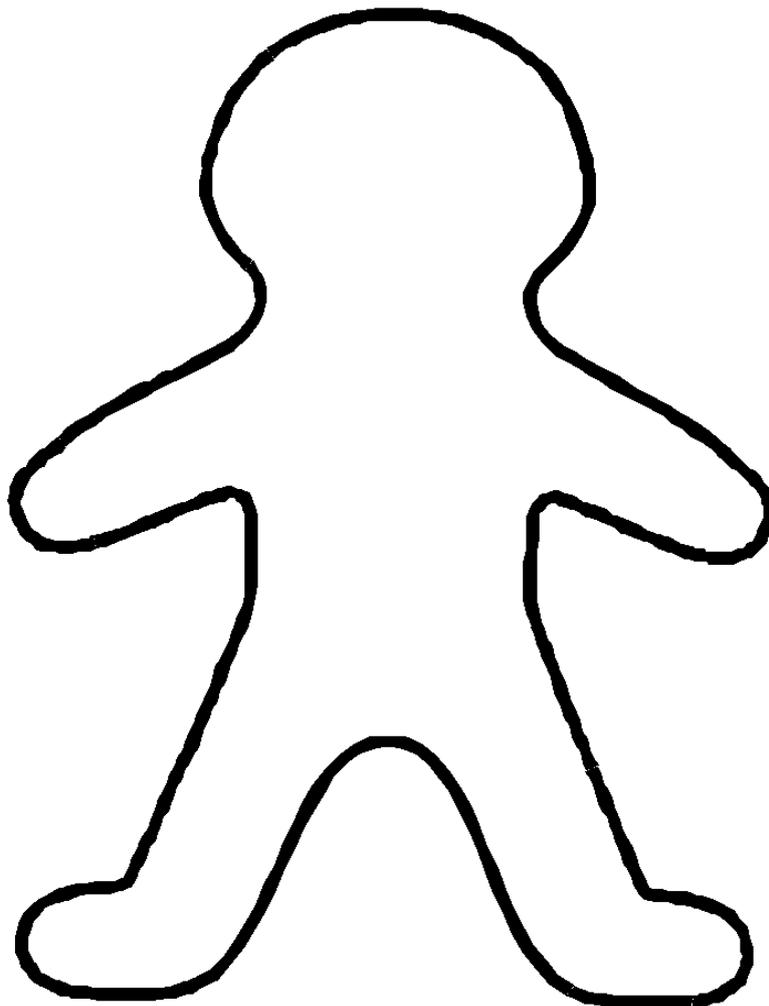
Have a look at www.olympic.org – the official website for the Olympic Games, where it describes the values of the Olympics. There are also some brilliant videos to show your group.

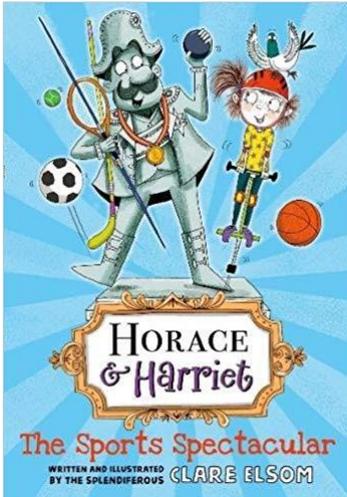
The Olympic motto is 'Citius, Altius, Fortius.' These Latin words mean 'Swifter, Higher, Stronger.'

Talk about the how the Olympics aim to get all the countries of the world joining together as one, and athletes striving to be their best. But there is a down side to think about too – unsportsmanlike behaviour, drugs, corruption, greed. Competition can bring out the best and worst in people.

Activity

In Seal Surfer, one of the main themes is friendship. Use the template below for the children to work together to create the 'perfect friend'. To help the children be inspired, get them to think about their best friends and what makes them special. They can then write words that describe their 'perfect friend's' personality traits in the template.





Clare Elsom **Horace and Harriet: The Sports Spectacular**

Oxford University Press Children's **978-0192758781**

Lord Commander Horatio Frederick Wallington Nincompoop Maximus Pimpleberry the Third (or Horace, for short) has been a statue on a plinth in Princes Park for hundreds of years. But now he's friends with Harriet and every time he leaves his pedestal he's ready for all sorts of adventures. It's the day of the Sports Spectacular and once Harriet, Fraser, and Megan convince Horace that his park isn't being invaded, he soon gets into the spirit of the games. But will his winning streak land Horace in trouble, especially when crafty Coach Whipston wants a

share of his success?

Clare Elsom has illustrated lots of children's books, including the Flying Fergus series, written by Olympic champion Sir Chris Hoy and Joanna Nadin, and Furry Friends, the new series from bestselling author Holly Webb. She is the creator of Horace & Harriet, which is her debut series as both author and illustrator.

Discussion

Talk about their favourite sports – what are the most important rules that someone new to the sport should know?

Activity

Indoor bowling

Line 6 to 10 water bottles up at the end of your activity space. Place a line of duct tape at the starting line. Grab a medium-sized indoor ball and start bowling! Keep score and give out medals at the end.

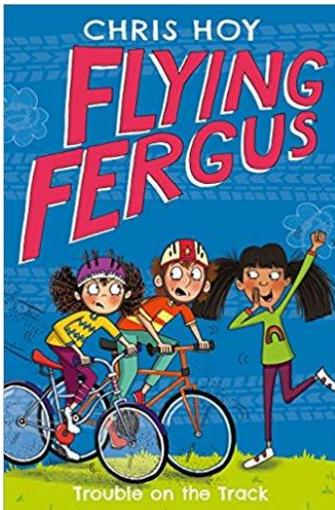
Hint: if you need to stabilize the water bottles or make the game more difficult, simply fill them up with some water. Don't forget to screw the tops on tightly!

Indoor basketball

All you need for this is a bucket and a rolled up sock (or a small, light ball). Each player takes a turn at throwing the sock-ball into the bucket. When a player scores a bucket, he or she takes a step back and throws again until they miss. The player who shoots the ball into the bucket from the farthest distance wins.

Blowing running race

Use rulers or books to create lanes on a table. The children can use straws and Maltesers to blow the Maltesers to the other end of the table. You could even do this as a relay race.



Sir Chris Hoy, Joanna Nadin and Clare Elsom

Flying Fergus: Trouble on the Track Piccadilly Press

978-1848126350

It's decision time for Fergus and the rest of the squad. Training together has been going well but the International Championships are nearly here, and it's time to name the four riders who will be in the starting line-up. The coaches decide the only fair thing to do is hold official trials to decide who's in - and who's out. It's neck and neck for Fergus and Daisy after the Keirin and the road race ...and with just one race to go, tensions in the teams are riding high...

Sir Chris Hoy is the most decorated Olympic cyclist of all time and has six gold medals and one silver. He now has his own bike range, HOY Bikes, which he created in partnership with Evans Cycles. Sir Chris Hoy has written eight Flying Fergus books as well as a non-fiction title for kids, On Your Bike.

Joanna Nadin is an author of children's and teen fiction best known for the Rachel Riley series of novels. Based on her own childhood, the series follows the comedic narration of a 13-year-old girl growing up in Saffron Walden, Essex. She is a winner of the Lancashire Fantastic Book award, Blue Peter Book of the Month and Radio 4 Open Book of the Year.

Discussion

What did you learn about cycling, the Keirin, racing and being a successful sportsperson from the book?

Activity

Make up a sporty acrostic

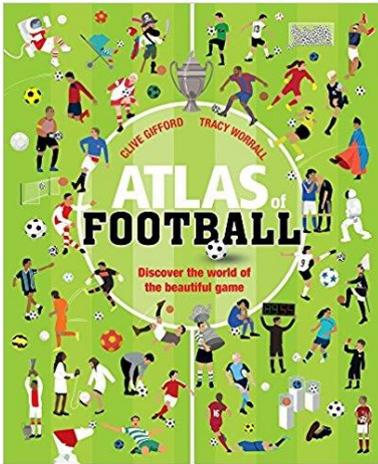
An acrostic is a poem where the first letters of each line, when put together, make a word which is the subject of the poem. Have a go at writing an acrostic about Flying Fergus, cycling or Sir Chris Hoy – here is an example:

Circles curving

You must keep your head up
Can you see the finish line?
Legs burn. Must. Keep. Going
Exhaustion and relief. Gold.

Or you could try doing acrostics with your names!

e.g. for BETH: **B**est leader
 Enthusiastic
 Team player
 Helpful



Clive Gifford and Tracy Worrall

Atlas of Football

Red Shed

978-1405287265

Football is enjoyed in every nation of the world by millions and millions of different people. This unbelievable round-the-world adventure is a celebration of the beautiful game that will take you through all of the planet's continents.

Discover fascinating facts and stats – from record-breaking goals to famous football mascots – and learn about the funny and extraordinary moments that make football such a beautiful game.

The illustrated maps feature key aspects, such as borders, capital cities and major rivers, combined with amazing football facts – perfect for engaging young readers and football fans.

Clive Gifford is a highly experienced journalist and author with over 180 books published and more than 800 features and stories written for adults and children. Clive is an unusual author who likes to work in both fiction and non-fiction.

Tracy Worrall produces a huge range of artwork using both digital and traditional media who has been exhibited in Berlin, London and Liverpool. She produced animations for an award-winning educational television series for the Discovery Channel. Tracy lives in Liverpool.

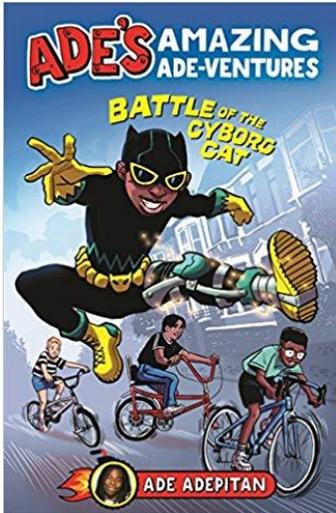
Discussion

- What were the most interesting facts from the book?
- Who do you think would enjoy this book?
- What other sports or topics would you like to learn more about?

Activity

Football shaped Reviews

Print and cut out the football template (on page 17) for children to write on with reviews of books they have read. Then display them creatively against a backdrop like a football net or a crowd of faces.



Ade Adepitan

Ade's Amazing Ade-ventures: Battle of the Cyborg Cat Studio Press

978-1787413252

Ade is the new kid on Parsons Road. He knows he should make an effort and make some friends but it's not easy when you look different to everyone else. It's only when Ade sees off some bullies that Dexter, Brian and Shed realize who Ade really is: their new friend, part cyborg, part footballing genius and all hero. Over the summer, the boys' days are filled with adventure and laughter but the first day of school is not far away and things are about to change forever.

Ade Adepitan survived polio as a youngster, he has since succeeded as an international Paralympic wheelchair basketball player and has built up a wealth of Broadcasting experience including appearing on X-Change, Travel Show, Dispatches and Unreported World.

Ade supports a plethora of charities including Amnesty International, Unicef and NSPCC and in 2012 he opened the Ade Adepitan Short Break Centre - a community centre in Brent for young people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

Discussion

Share with your group the definitions of the terms below:

- **Peer relationship:** a friendship with someone else your age, a friend, or a classmate
- **Sportsmanship:** being fair, respectful, and polite when playing with others
- **Good sport:** being fair, respectful, and polite when playing with others
- **Poor sport:** being unfair, disrespectful, and impolite when playing with others

Go around in the group and discuss the terms. Can they think of examples of when their peers have acted in this way (without mentioning any names)?

- Why is it important to show good sportsmanship?
- Why is it sometimes difficult for people to demonstrate good sportsmanship?

What are some examples of being a poor sport?

Some possible answers may include referring (someone who calls plays during a game), coaching when not asked (e.g. being bossy), shouting at team mates, gloating and sulking.

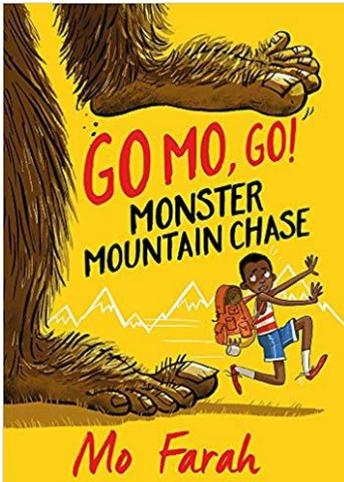
Activity

Wheelchair Basketball Word Search

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Mo Farah, Kes Gray and Marta Kissi Go Mo, Go!: Monster Mountain Chase Hodder Children's

978-1444934052

After returning home from a long cross-country run, it's time for Mo and his friends to decide where to go on their next running adventure. Sandwiches at the ready, the friends head somewhere beautiful, with glistening snow and sparkling lakes ... The Rocky Mountains!

But crossing states is tiring work, and with lots of new creatures (and monsters!) to meet along the way, will Mo and friends ever get time for a sandwich break?

Mo Farah was born in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1983. As a young child he spent time in Djibouti before moving to England at the age of eight. Mo initially struggled with the language barrier, but his PE teacher quickly spotted his potential as a runner. After attending St Mary's Endurance Performance and Coaching Centre in Twickenham, Mo became a professional athlete. At the 2012 London Olympic Games he won gold in the 10,000m - Britain's first gold in this event. He followed this up with a stunning victory in the 5000m to become, in the words of Dave Moorcroft, 'the greatest male distance runner that Britain has ever seen.'

Kes Gray lives in Witham, Essex, with his wife, young family and assortment of animals. He is a born storyteller. Voted by the Independent as one of the TOP TEN children's authors only a year after publishing his first book, he is the author of the award-winning *Eat Your Peas* and winner of the Red House Children's Book Award for Younger Readers.

Marta Kissi is a London based illustrator originally from Warsaw. She studied BA Illustration & Animation at Kingston University and MA Communication Art & Design at the Royal College of Art. Her favourite part of being an illustrator is bringing stories to life by designing charming characters and the wonderful worlds they live in.

Discussion

- Mo Farah is an inspiration to many because of his great achievements in running. How does Mo in the book, *Go Mo, Go*, act in a heroic way?
- Who is your favourite character from any book? Are they an inspiration to you and if so, why?

Activity

Guess the sport!

Look at this list of all the Olympic sports – and get everyone each to choose a sport and then mime/act it out for the rest of the group to guess what it is.

2016 Olympics Summer Sports

Archery	Golf	Shooting
Badminton	Gymnastics	Table tennis
Basketball	Handball	Taekwondo
Beach volleyball	Judo	Tennis
Boxing	Modern Pentathlon	Track & field**
Canoe/kayak	Rowing	Triathlon
Cycling: track, road, mountain, BMX	Rugby 7s	Volleyball (indoor)
Diving	Sailing	Water polo
Equestrian: dressage, jumping, eventing	Synchronised swimming	Weightlifting
Fencing	Swimming	Wrestling
Field hockey	Football	

** Track and field events at the Olympics

Sprints	Walks	Javelin
Sprint relay	Marathon	Discus
Hurdles	High jump	Shot put
Middle distance	Long jump	Hammer throw
Long distance	Triple jump	Decathlon
Steeplechase	Pole vault	Heptathlon

Possible new sports for future Olympics

Surfing; climbing; karate

Sports at the original Olympics in ancient Greece

Boxing

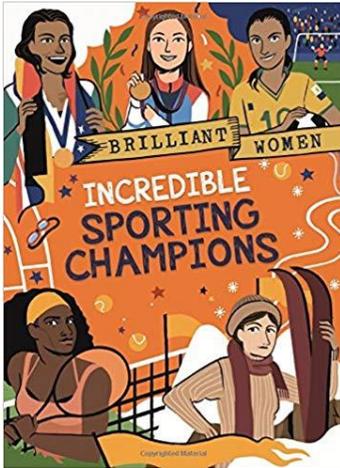
Equestrian events: chariot racing; riding

Pankration (a tough mix of boxing and wrestling)

Pentathlon: discus, javelin, jump, running, wrestling

Running

Wrestling



Georgia Amson-Bradshaw and Rita Petruccioli

Incredible Sporting Champions: Brilliant Women Wayland

978-1526304698

In *Incredible Sporting Champions*, you will meet just a few of the incredibly talented, dedicated and brave women who have refused to let people decide for them what they are capable of achieving.

Travel back to meet Babe Didrikson Zaharias, who single-handedly took on a team of 22 athletes and won. Be inspired by Tatyana McFadden, who spent her early years without a wheelchair and having to crawl on the floor of her orphanage but went on to win 17 Paralympic medals. Learn from legendary wrestler Kaori Icho, who won 189 contests in a row to go undefeated for 13 years straight.

Whether you already live for sports or are just starting to catch the bug, this book is full of ideas and tips to help you think and play like a pro. You can be the next sporting champion, and learning from the experiences of some of the greatest ever sportswomen will surely help you along the way!

Georgia Amson-Bradshaw is a children's writer and editor who lives in Brighton, East Sussex. She has worked on a number of high-profile and award-winning science books for kids, including the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize winner *Eye Benders*, and the London Science Museum activity book *This Book Thinks You're a Scientist*. She remembers the eye-opening and inspiring effect her favourite books had on her as a child, and so takes her responsibility to pass that interest and excitement on very seriously!

Rita Petruccioli is an Italian illustrator and comic book artist born in Rome in 1982. She studied at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Rome and at ENSAD in Paris. Her illustration work can be found in books, magazines, textile design and advertising. She collaborates with several publishers and clients as Mondadori, BAO Publishing, Einaudi, Sergio Bonelli Editore, Ladybird, Timbuktu Lab, Zanichelli, Auzou, Il Castoro, Editori Laterza, La Nuova Frontiera Junior, TIM, ENI and Nestlé. Her work has been featured in exhibitions in Italy, France, Germany and Korea and recently in a personal exhibition at Macro Testaccio for ARF! the comic book festival of Rome.

Discussion

Favourite and least favourite sports

What are everyone's favourite sports? And what are the least favourite?

Make lists of these – sports you like to do, sports you like to watch, and the sports people don't like. Collect the reasons for these choices – and get your group to vote for the sport they like best to do, and their favourite to watch.

Activity

Which Olympic events might these book characters enter?

Make a list of some favourite book characters on a flip chart. Talk about what they're like and make some notes next to each of them. Then decide which Olympic sport they might go in for. (See above for the full list of sports.)

What do you think? What are your reasons for your event choices? Here are some characters you might have in your list:

Alex Rider **Amazing Grace** **Batman** **Black Beauty** **Fantastic Mr Fox** **Bilbo Baggins**
Harry Potter **Hiccup Horrendous Haddock** **Horrid Henry** **Peter Pan** **The BFG**
Pippi Longstocking **The Jolly Postman** **Tigger** **Rubi from Beanotown** **Katniss**

More activity ideas

Get together a collection of books about sport or written by professional athletes or sporting personalities and you may want to have sheets of flip-chart paper for collecting people's ideas and discussion answers.

Make a Sporty Reading Display for your library or classroom!

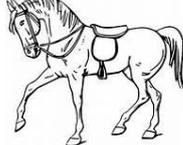
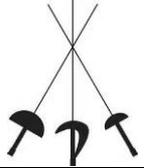
You could feature one particular sport, such as football, rugby, cycling – or your group's favourite sports.

Here are some ideas for what you might put in the display:

- Newspaper cuttings and reports about the sport/events
- Your own research – e.g. 'Fascinating Facts'
- Statistics - e.g. match results, league tables, the Olympic medals table
- Pictures from magazines or from the internet
- Pictures of the people in your group with the books and magazines they are reading about the sport/s or about the Olympic
- Excerpts from favourite sports stories and non-fiction – and reviews of these books
- Examples of sportswear and equipment to do with the sport/s featured – e.g. a football, running shoes
- And a selection of books, magazines and newspapers – and maybe a laptop with sporty websites in front of the display - for your group to enjoy and find out more about the sport/s.

Guess the sport

Can you work out what sport the pictures are showing?

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Boxing
Hockey

Equestrian events
Javelin

Fencing
Swimming

Tennis
Rowing

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More Sporty Stories!

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISHER	ISBN
Picture books			
Lucy Cousins	<i>Maisy Plays Football</i>	Walker Books	978-1406358148
Brian Moses & Amy Husband	<i>The Frog Olympics</i>	Wayland	978-0750296830
Benji Davies	<i>Bizzy Bear: Racing Driver</i>	Nosy Crow	978-1788002448
Russell Ayto	<i>The Match</i>	Bloomsbury	978-1408893456
Lily Roscoe Simon	<i>The Night Watch Ninjas</i>	Simon and Schuster	978-1471164675
Fearne Cotton	<i>Yoga Babies</i>	Andersen Press	978-1783446599
Fiction			
Michelle Bates	<i>Sandy Lane Stables: A Horse for Summer</i>	Usborne	978-1409590620
Kit Downes	<i>Zal and Zara and the Great Race of Azamed</i>	Walker Books	978-1406340853
Elizabeth Laird	<i>The Fastest Boy in the World</i>	Macmillan	978-1447267171
Frank Lampard	<i>Frankie's Magic Football: Deep Sea Dive</i>	Little, Brown	978-0349132136
Jane Lawes	<i>Perfect Pirouette (Ballet Stars)</i>	Usborne	978-1409583530
Lorrie Mack	<i>Ballet Academy (DK Reads)</i>	DK	978-1409351955
Daisy Meadows	<i>Francesca the Football Fairy</i>	Orchard Books	978-1846168895
Swapna Haddow	<i>Dave Pigeon (Racer!)</i>	Faber and Faber	978-0571336906
Adam Baron	<i>Boy Underwater</i>	Harper Collins	978-0008267018
Non-fiction			
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SCORE
PASS
THROW

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3. Tennis
4. Equestrian events
5. Football
6. Fencing
7. Rowing
8. Hockey
9. Swimming