



School name:	Felsted Primary School
Area/ region:	Essex
Programme:	Year 4
Number of children:	6
Who runs Reading Gladiators™?	Class teacher and headteacher
How are the children selected?	The children are selected in our school by a combination of their NFER English scores, reading ages and teacher assessment.

Identified Outcome

Both last year and this year it has had a big impact on the children's reading ages. We are a reading school anyway with special assemblies for reading champions, rewards and incentives but this has increased the reading ages of the Gladiators beyond the good growth we already experience.

How does the school organise the sessions?

The children meet once a week in lesson time during small group work and the time and day varies. They read, they talk about the book, the authors and their feelings. After each book is finished we keep it for guided reading.



The Gladiators say...

'It's better than doing normal work and it's fun. We can read different books that we haven't read before and get to know them.' Mia

'You get to read a book you didn't know was ever out there - some other books and sometimes you find new emotions. You should tell new Gladiators that if they are chosen it is for a special reason, so they've got to work hard. All that hard work pays off because it's really really fun.' Olivia Rose

'It is an opportunity for students to get pushed harder and do better in their learning and be something that they never thought they could be.' John

'The books we read with Reading Gladiators™ tell you new words and sometimes you don't understand them at first but if you learn what they mean you can use them in your writing. In Reading Gladiators your reading is pushed harder so you read a lot more and it is an opportunity to read books that you wouldn't pick off the shelf.' Emma

'If you are not the best at reading and you do Reading Gladiators and do it every week like we do, you get better at reading and asking questions and you are not shy as you are working as a team. So it's a team effort.' Max

The Adults say...

The children are learning better quality words- what words mean and are increasing their understanding of inference. They absolutely loved the poetry book this year.

'The Reading Gladiators scheme gives the more able children the opportunity to read stretching books in different genres that they wouldn't necessarily have chosen themselves. Their improved reading ages reflect the way the scheme has benefited their comprehension and inference skills.'

Lawrence Garside, Headteacher

