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School name:	Holcombe Brook Primary School
Area/ region:	Bury
Programme:	Year 4
Number of children:	7
Who runs Reading Gladiators™?	The headteacher and English coordinator
How are the children selected?	Most are very able readers. Two were chosen to develop confidence in speaking/ listening and collaborative group work. One is on the SEND register.

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### Identified Outcome

The RG club has helped create a real buzz about reading. The children love discussing the books (both in the club and in general in class).

### How does the school organise the sessions?

The group meet after school every Monday for one hour. It is usually held in the school 'pods'. It's a lovely environment in which to enjoy reading.

After the books have been read by the Reading Gladiators™ they are placed in a class reading basket, reserved only for the Reading Gladiators™ books, and these can be selected by the rest of the class for independent reading. They are sometimes personally recommended to other children by the Gladiators.



## The Gladiators say...

'I love Reading Gladiators™ because it has improved my reading and understanding of books.' Amy

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## The Adults say...

'We have noticed that Amy is enjoying reading more advanced books and reading more regularly. Amy has gained a lot of confidence from Reading Gladiators™. Thank you.' Parent

'My daughter thoroughly enjoys being a part of Reading Gladiators™. She has such enthusiasm for the books she reads, telling the whole family about each author and the current book! It's wonderful that she is able to share books with her friends and teachers too. My daughter just wants to read more and more! Reading Gladiators™ has also introduced her to a variety of authors too. It has been such a fantastic group for Ella and for us parents it has been a joy to see the joy and excitement she gets from reading!' Parent

'It's been brilliant for my son! He now talks about his favourite books and authors. He loves the element of competition and loves helping other children to read.' Parent

'The Reading Gladiators™ club has been a wonderful way to really challenge already able and avid readers and help to create a reading culture across the classroom. Children are inspired and enthused to read sometimes quite challenging texts and the collaborative discussions it enables has further developed vocabulary and comprehension skills.' Teacher

'I wasn't sure about choosing a pupil who didn't fit into the intended group exactly and after the initial few lessons I still wasn't sure. However, by the end of the first book, I knew we had made the right choice as this pupil's reading had developed to such a remarkable extent.' Teacher

