



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q How can the reading be organised?**

A: Teachers have suggested the following:

- Teacher reading one book as a class novel
- Ability groups reading together
- Individual quiet reading in class
- Lunch time or after school reading club
- Home reading

### **Q: Could we have longer to read the books?**

A: The award is run annually and the process takes a whole year, from the team of librarians reading and agreeing a short-list, to the award ceremony. We try to deliver books into schools as soon as possible, once authors have agreed to participate. Providing book orders aren't delayed, we aim to allow 4 months for the reading in schools. Due to the busy timetable after Easter, we feel that the project must be completed before the busy summer term begins. After Easter the SCBY team begin the process again.

### **Q: Can more than 30 children take part from one school?**

A: We suggest no more than 30 children for two reasons. Firstly, due to the limited quantity of books provided, and secondly – due to the space available to accommodate classes in libraries when meeting the authors on event day. If a school wishes to involve more than 30, they must be prepared to select only 30 to attend the author session, and be able to ensure the children will have access to all of the short-listed books.

### **Q: Why can't all the children come to the award ceremony?**

A: As the award is organised by Stockton Library Service, the award ceremony takes place in our biggest venue: the conference facility at Stockton Central Library, which has a maximum capacity of 100. So allowing for the two winning children and one adult per school, plus authors, dignitaries and the library team, we fill the room to the seams!