

Part 2 - Play for Points: How it works

It's time to find the ultimate champion during this year's FIFA Men's World Cup!

- Meet the Contenders: 21 books have been selected to compete – read them, discuss them and decide which country you'll match with each book
- Make & Share your Selections: Select a country to represent each book – choose wisely as some countries may not make it out of the early stages! To enter the competition, share your selection with us – you can do this with a photo of your display or a written list – everyone's choices will be different
- Track your Teams: Everything the teams do in real life will mean points for their associated book; you need to use the Score Tally to keep track of it all!
- Make your Extra Plays: Over the World Cup we'll be sharing bonus points challenges – quizzes, opinions, comparisons and more about each of the books playing which will earn you extra points to count in your final totals!
- Final Scores: Once it's all wrapped up let us know your final score! Which book won and how many points did your selection get altogether. We'll announce winners and send out prizes at the beginning of the new term.
- Post Match Discussion: How does everyone feel about the final winner?



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For teachers/librarians:

We hope this will be a fun activity for you to incorporate during Summer 2 while the FIFA Men's World Cup is running and as part of The National Year of Reading.

The whole 'Contenders' bundle is available to purchase for £150 – 38% discount. You may have some of / all the books already. If you have played Part 1 Selecting Your Starting 11 you can also play this part with those 11 books.

We know that for some young people who don't think of themselves as readers, seeing a connection to football matches and players might be a bridge to making books and reading more inviting and interesting.

Links will be made available June 1st for resources to print or use digitally including score tally sheets and info on what's happening during the games.

The 'Contenders' group is made up of 21 non-fiction titles; we have chosen an Around the World theme in celebration of the World Cup – there are some football books but also other subjects we hope will be interesting to young readers.

Teachers/Librarians can Share schools' Selections via email to showroom@heathbooks.co.uk

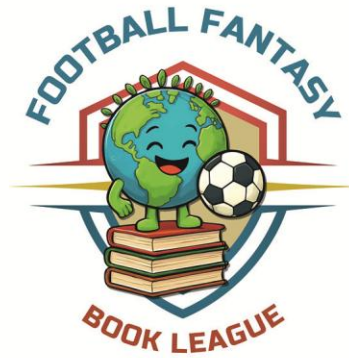
You can Track your Team in whatever manner you prefer – we will include a Score Tally card on the resource page but it's not the only way to keep score. Feel free to do a school wide score or loads of separate smaller groups. There will be a points guide on the resource page for points generated by the football matches.

The Extra Plays Bonus Points challenges will connect with the football but also with the books and involve reading them! These will be shared on Instagram each week during the World Cup or teachers/librarians (adults) can opt to get them direct via email.



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An example might be: England is playing Ghana, Panama and Croatia in the group stage. Using books in your school /from your 'Contenders' bundle find a fact about one of these countries and tell us the fact and the name and page of the book you found the fact in.

The Extra Plays Bonus Points challenges can be completed multiple times and will score their allocated points each time. We will announce with the Bonus Points challenges how many points each is worth.

All Bonus Points challenges can be shared with us via Instagram – just tag us and use #FFBookLeague – or email us at showroom@heathbooks.co.uk

The prizes are books of varying kinds! We will be in touch to announce winners. The prizes can be for the school or the students – it is entirely up to the schools playing.

The prizes will be delivered during September 2026.



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