

Build Your Starting 11: How it works

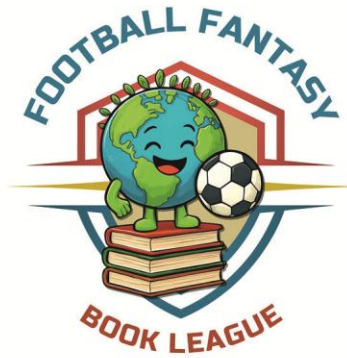
It's time to select your starting eleven and build a bespoke bundle of new books for your school!

- Meet the Squad: 25 books have been selected for the squad – use our resources / visit Dorking Library or Heath's Showroom to find out more about each book.
- Make Your Selections: Which books do you want most? You might need to convince your classmates why your favourites should be included! What's great about the books you like? Does everyone agree? How can you convince your classmates that your favourites should be included? Will you hold a vote or a debate? Are you inside your budget?
- Build Your Starting 11:
 - Each book has been assigned a position on the pitch and been matched with real players from Dorking Wanderers FC
 - Each book has a points allocation – like real football clubs you must manage your budget and your total spend must not exceed 1200 points
 - Your team must include all the player positions to ensure a well-rounded team – you'll need 1 goalie, 4 defenders, 4 midfielders and 2 forwards
 - You might need to rearrange your teams a few times before making a final selection
- Enjoy the books: Read them! Decide if you made a good selection – and choose your favourite as the MVP!



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For teachers:

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.

Dorking Wanderers FC has kindly agreed to support this programme/scheme. We know that for some young people who don't think of themselves as readers, seeing football players involved might be a bridge to making books and reading more inviting and interesting.

Links will be made available from June 1st to resources you can print or use digitally including Facts & Stats and See Insides.

The books will also be on display at Dorking Library and Heath Books Showroom in Sutton please feel free to book a visit with your students to investigate the books more.

The 'squad' is made up of 25 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.

Some of the titles may skew younger or older but most books will suit most students.

If you or your PTA have funds to purchase any bundles these will be available with 38% discount for the duration of the Summer Term.

Any bundles purchased will be available for collection at an event with players from DWFC in the Autumn term 2026. If your school cannot attend, they will be delivered to your school in September 2026.



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