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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Portsmouth Year 5 Book Award 2021

Our Year 5 pupils have been invited to be involved in the Portsmouth Year 5 Book Award 2021. A total of 1,790 pupils from 24 schools across the city will also be taking part. The award aims to promote the enjoyment of reading and encourage pupils to read widely outside and inside school for pleasure. For our pupils to be involved the school have paid the entry fee, so this opportunity is at no cost to yourselves.

Usually we would read the books in school, so in order for pupils across Portsmouth to continue to be involved in this process, Portsmouth School Library Service have adapted the approach and made the books available online via YouTube. The links for the books are outlined in the attached documents.

Pupils have between now and the end of April to listen to the four short listed books. In May, they will vote for their favourite book, along with all the other Year 5 pupil judges across the city.

The winning book will be announced at the Kings Theatre at the end of June in front of an audience of the pupil judges and the winning author (subject to Government guidelines at the time).

The four short listed books are:

World Burn Down by Steve Cole

The Children of Swallow Fell by Julia Green

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll

Mohinder's War by Bali Rai

We hope your children will enjoy being involved in this great reading promotion.

Kind Regards

Mrs Winslade, Mrs Galbraith, Mrs Atkins and Mr Washer

The Year 5 Team