



## **Summer holidays are almost here and that means lots of time for reading!**

This is the time when your children, who have worked extremely hard during the year, have ample time to not only choose books they love, but read them!

Reading for pleasure is a great reward for children. Spend some time with your child in a bookstore or library and let them browse for books they think they will enjoy. Discuss their choices and encourage them to try something new. Give them time to read a few pages of a book before deciding. Remember, books are like food; you need to try it before you know if you like it!

Next year our year 5 and 6, and our Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in the **Hong Kong Battle of the Books** (Primary & Secondary Competition). You can check out the titles here to see if any are of interest for summer reading.

Primary: <https://sites.google.com/site/hkbattleofthebooks/current-book-lists/primary-book-list-2015-2016>

Secondary: <https://sites.google.com/site/hkbattleofthebooks/current-book-lists/secondary-book-list-2015-2016>

The **Golden Dragon Book Awards** is Hong Kong's very own international book award program. Now in its second year, the award "aims to be a fun and exciting way for internationally-minded young Hong Kong people, between the ages of 4 - 18, to become enthusiastic and discriminating readers".

The 2016 shortlist has been announced, and the titles can be found at the link below. The students will be given the opportunity to vote for their favourite book in the next academic year (we will also have copies in the library).

<http://www.hkgoldendragonawards.org/categories.html>

I look forward to discussing with the students what books they enjoyed over the holiday break. Happy reading!

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