

World Book Day 2022

The challenge

“Our book, **Terrific Teams**, is all about great sides. Now we’d like you and your buddies to select players for your very own Terrific Team! Yours will be players with a real difference though. These are players that are special to you. Your challenge is to select five people, or five things (yes, that could even be an animal!), that make you really happy. It’s that simple! Oh, except that you have to give us one sentence for each ‘player’ to justify their place in the starting line-up. Get to it, boss! Who’s got a place on this **Terrific Team**?”

About the challenge

This challenge is supported by the National Literacy Trust and top football authors Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, who have written the Football School series – a huge range of books packed with fun facts, quizzes and stories all about... football!

Don’t miss out...

You can join Alex and Ben for **The Great World Book Day 2022 Footy & Booky quiz** in a special free interactive Zoom Webinar event on World Book Day itself on **Thursday 3 March** at **10:30am**, hosted by sports presenter Kelly Somers. We are running a live interactive quiz, featuring questions from football players from all over the country! Make sure you tune in and take part in this 30 minute slice of World Book Day mega-action. Why not join in, take part, ask the authors some questions, and ask for shout outs? And **sign up for free!**



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Terrific Teams

Choosing your own starting line-up is a brilliant and fun thing to do. It’s also important to think very carefully to get it right and give your team the best chance of success.

How do players complement (fit together well) each other? Are they ready-to-go?

Who can do the most keepy-uppies? (Actually scrap that last one, that’s not going to win you any games!) These are some of the things that you need to think about!

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Here's what you have to do:

Time to pick YOUR best five-a-side team. That's five players, with a difference. We want YOU to select five people, or things, that are REALLY on your team. Things, or people (or things) that make you feel great when you need a little pick up. People, or things (or people) that really have your back, that make you laugh, or help you to be the best that you can be. And, when you've got your fantastic five (yes, you can have a subs bench if you really have to!), you have to justify (give us a reason) for why they make your starting line-up.

Here's an example from our Football School authors, Alex and Ben:

Alex

1. My retractable pencil

On my team because: helps me get my ideas down wherever I go - and I don't need to worry about a sharper!

2. My bicycle

On my team because: it helps me feel free and alive, and keeps me fit.

3. My cat Lilo

On my team because: she protects me from the mice that live on my street.

4. My measuring spoons (that my mum got me for Christmas)

On my team because: it's important to measure the right amounts when cooking. (Thanks mum!)

5. My pal Ben

On my team because: when we are writing Football School, I know he will improve my sentences!

Sub: Jar of pickled gherkins

(Nearly) on my team because: the tang of pickled gherkins makes my tongue tingle and my eyes pop!



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Ben

1. My family

On my team because: they support me and laugh at my terrible jokes.

2. Penalties

On my team because: they are the best thing about football, a combination of skill and strong mindset.

3. Reading

On my team because: books take me to new worlds which I love to explore.

4. My friend Alex

On my team because: he helps me when I'm stuck and he's funner than he looks.

5. My dog Buddy

On my team because: he's the best at cuddles and we all need cuddles sometimes.

Sub: Pizza

(Nearly) on my team because: who doesn't love pizza?!



And here's some top tips from Alex and Ben!

1. Think about **who** you might talk to if you need some help with something.
2. Think about **where** you might go if you want to feel calm.
3. Think about **what** you might do, when you want to relax. Or feel superhuman again!

And if you don't want to select a team of people or things that help you feel good, you could always try: your best football players; your best friends; your best books (yes!); your best foods; your best... anything!

What to do next:

1. Use our template (or any piece of paper) to create your team.
2. Take a photo of your work and send it to **plprimarystars@premierleague.com**. You might just win a bumper box of books for your school!