1 Week Plan - Book Reader Badge

Having a book reading week is quite boring, and would not work for most cub packs, however if livened up a bit it can be a good short burst for the introduction for the book readers badge.

I would personally think about having the night based around their favourite book character and the cubs are to come dressed up as their favourite book character.

Week 1 - Introduction week to the Book Reader Badge.

Extra help and ideas can be found on Pack Programmes, page 105.

GAME 1 : Last Page Standing. Lay out some page of newspaper around the room, enough for every cub. On the word go the cubs have to walk around the room, but when a character from the seven dwarves is mentioned they have to get onto a piece of newspaper. As the game goes you need to gradually take away pieces of newspaper. If they cannot find a piece of newspaper, or they get onto a piece of newspaper when the name called is not one of the seven dwarves then they are out.

Creative Zone

Once the game has finished sit the cubs down and ask them to get their favourite book. This is now where the hard bit comes as some cubs will want to read out an extract and some will not, though if a few leaders start off with their favourite children's book then more will probably volunteer. After three or four readings from the cubs it will be a good idea to move on to another activity, you can always come back to listen to a few more at a later stage.

The next activity will need felt tips, paints or colouring pencils. Get the children to design their own front covers for their favourite book, or for a title of their own. You might want to use the resource at the end of the pack to help with their starting points.

GAME 2 : Croquet with a difference. Split the cubs into team of 6. Give each team a rolled up piece of newspaper, and a spherical cuddly toy. The idea of the game is a relay race based on the Croquet game from Alice in Wonderland. Five of the cubs stand with their legs apart, and the other cub has to hit the cuddly toy from the back to the front. Once at the front he gives the stick to the front person, and joins the back of the line, and all cubs move forward. It is then the go of the front cub to hit the cuddly toy from back to the front.

At the end of the night explain to the cubs that they can achieve their Book Reader badge if they complete the following couple of sheets;

- Complete the book review sheet, writing about their own favourite books.
- Complete the sheet on using a dictionary, atlas and encyclopedia.

and also be able to explain to a leader;

- How to use a library to find books, both in the fiction and non-fiction section.
- How to look after and care for books.

If the cubs complete the four parts above the they have met the requirements for the Book Reader Badge.

Of course this could just be given out at the end of any cub night, without the Book Character themed night.

The Jungle Book

The Ghost from the Haunted House