




LOVE FOOTBALL: LOVE READING
CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF
LEEDS UNITED



Leeds United
Readers Pack



A Literacy Activity for schools

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Notes for teachers:

The Leeds United Readers resource is a tool designed to encourage children who love football to love reading for pleasure too.

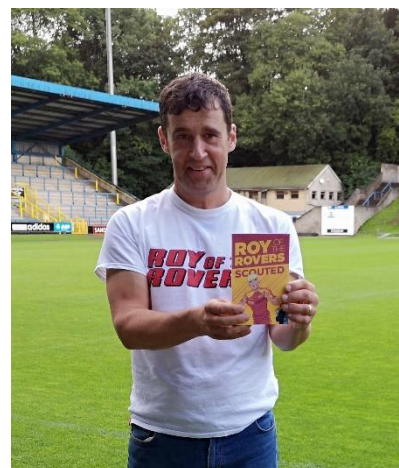
When I was young, I did not find reading easy. Although I came from a family of big readers, I was uncomfortable around books. It left me feeling that some people read lots of books and were clever, whilst other people – like me – did not read books and so were not clever. I found libraries intimidating because I did not feel that I belonged in them. Some children have many misconceptions about reading. I certainly did.

I hope that this resource might help, especially if you have a lot of football-loving children in your class or using your library. The idea is to use the poster of me and to your own interview posters with school staff – teachers and assistants, playground and lunchtime supervisors, using the template to create positive images of people with books. You could create a display around them, or put them on a frequently used door. Develop their interest further by letting your pupils create their own poster about what their football and reading life is like, using the template.

You can try a free chapter or find out more about my football books – Football Academy series, Foul Play Series, The Squad series, Roy of the Rovers and Ghost Stadium on my website, www.tompalmer.co.uk/football-books/. My football books are set all over the world – and in Leeds – and are available from Leeds Schools Library Service.

Finally, please do email me if any of your pupils have read all six books in the Football Academy series as I can send you a signed certificate to present to them.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Palmer". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a footballer in a white kit, with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the signature.

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Leeds United Readers

First name: *Tom Palmer*

Town/City where you live: *Halifax, but I was born in Leeds.*

Favourite football team: *Leeds United*

What is your favourite newspaper?

The Yorkshire Evening Post. Online and on paper, it gives me the best stories and updated about Leeds United.

What is your favourite website?

BBC Sport's www.bbc.co.uk/sport. It has everything about every sport in one place and it updates really quickly.

Where is your favourite place to read?

Anywhere. On a train. In bed. In the garden. Wherever.

What is your favourite magazine?

Trail Runner. I like running, particularly off-road and the magazines gives me tips of how to improve, or at least, not get worse. There are some good football magazines like FourFourTwo and World Soccer too.

What is your favourite book? And where is it set?

Wuthering Heights. It is set in Haworth, about 25 miles west of Leeds, where there are lots of hills and moors. I like it because it is set in Yorkshire. But my second and third favourite books are set in Spain and Russia.

Have you read any books set in Leeds and Yorkshire?

Yes, lots. I like Tony Harrison's poems. And The Damned United by David Peace. And history books about Leeds too.

Do you ever set your books in Leeds or Yorkshire?

*I do. I think it is really important that not all books are set in London or fantasy places. It is good to have books set where we live. So my *Foul Play* books and several others are set in Leeds.*



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