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'Reaching for the stars. Trusting, Believing, Growing'

Whole school reading challenge

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday in assembly the children were told about this year's whole school reading challenge. We would like to continue to raise the profile of reading both at school and at home. It was a great success last year and we thank you all for your support with reading.



As before, our challenge is to increase the amount of reading that your child does **at home or outside of school**. We are asking the children to read as often as possible, preferably daily. Your child can read anything: a book from home, a comic, poems... it does not have to be your child's reading book from school. The expectation is that Key Stage 1 (Classes 1 and 2) will read for at least 5 minutes at a time and in Key Stage 2 (Classes 3, 4 and 5) they will read for at least 10 minutes at a time. All we ask is that parents/carers and other adults initial in your child's reading record to show that your child has completed their reading. Reading records have been sent home for this purpose. Please sign each day/entry, please do not put a block of reading in as this makes it more complicated to trace.

Teachers will monitor how often each child is reading and will keep a running total of the number of times that they have read in their reading record. When staff have checked the reading records, they will stamp it with a star and write the total against it.

The children will earn badges and certificates to show that they have reached different benchmarks in reading. The first award will be for reading 30 times, the second award will be for reading 100 times and the third award will be for reading 175 times. The children who have read the most by the end of the year will be presented with a gold reading owl badge and will participate in a special celebration. The certificates and badges will be presented in our Friday celebration assemblies. The totals this year have changed as the challenge runs for the whole year.

In EYFS and KS1 (classes 1 and 2), parents can use their child's reading diary to keep a record of reading at home. In KS2, children can take ownership of writing their book title and the page numbers they have read; they may even wish to add a comment about it. However parents and carers will still need to initial to verify what has been read as part of the challenge.

We hope that you enjoy reading together.

