

Whole School Reading Challenge

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

With World Book Day fast approaching, what better time to promote reading for pleasure? Studies show that reading can increase our emotional intelligence as we understand a range of perspectives and motivations, as well as developing language and communication skills. Reading for pleasure has been found to improve our confidence and self-esteem, providing the grounding we need to pursue our goals and make life decisions. It can also aid our sleep and reduce feelings of loneliness.

We have seen such a huge uptake in reading for pleasure since the Book Fair and it has been amazing to see the children so excited about getting stuck into their new books! Therefore, we are introducing The Reading Challenge across the whole school. On our website, we have shared the lists of the 'Top 100 recommended reads for Year ___' for all year groups from the website 'The Reader Teacher'. These can also be found on www.thereaderteacher.com. We are challenging the children to read as many of these books as possible, plus many others of their favourites, by the end of the academic year with the winner of each year group being crowned Star Reader 2024. The aim of this challenge is to not only boost our reading fluency and comprehension skills across the school but to also promote a love of reading and to encourage the children to find a genre they love. Each classroom will have a display where the children can add their books to track their progress and also share their recommendations with others.

We are aware that there is a variety of different reading levels across each year group, so if you feel that your child would benefit from a different list then please feel free to browse the books from alternate year groups.

We hope that you will support this initiative and encourage your child to read as much as possible.

Yours sincerely,
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