



Reading Initiative

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we have been working hard to promote reading throughout the school. We had our Readathon in the Autumn Term which raised over £3000.00 that was used to purchase some gorgeous new Usborne books. We used these to replenish the library and some of the class individual reading books.

We have hosted our 'Males and Story tales' sessions across each year group to raise the profile of men in our children's education to inspire our children, especially boys.

Our next step is to celebrate the stories the children share and enjoy at home and when they practise their reading skills with an adult. So with this in mind we are proposing a reading challenge. When you read with your child at home, whether this is a bed time story or their own school reading book, we would like you to record it in their blue Reading Record Book. If you could include a comment from your child about their thoughts on the book, that would be even better! For example they could tell you something they liked or didn't like, a new word that may have led to a discussion or if it is a chapter book and you are reading a little at a time, what might happen next! If they are able, they could even write the name of the book or a comment themselves.

On a Thursday the Reading Record Books will be taken in and the number of diary entries counted. Anyone who has at least five books or entries recorded in their diary for that week, will receive a raffle ticket, which will be added to a whole school box and one ticket will be drawn in celebration assembly on a Friday. The proud owner of this winning ticket will then get to choose a new book to keep.

Our hope is this will:

- Promote quality reading and story time at home.
- Give all children the chance to hear and love sharing stories.
- Extend their imagination which will help them with their own creations.
- Increase their confidence to retell stories, read their own books and develop a range of reading skills.
- Allow each teacher to see how often the children are reading at home.
- And most importantly fuel their love for storytelling and reading.

This initiative will be launched when we return after the Easter Holidays.

Happy reading everyone!

