

Monday 9th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Term 1 Reading Challenge

We hope you have had a lovely summer and well done to those of you who have completed the North Somerset Library Reading Challenge. We are keen to launch the new reading challenge to begin the new academic year.

This term as a school, we will be aiming to reach a collective total of **10,000 reads!** If we are successful, we will be celebrating this with a visit from a children's book author to continue inspiring reading both in school and at home. Please remember to record reads in your reading record to ensure they are counted towards our total. Children know that if they read 5 or more times they are recognised for doing so. We also welcome families to share pictures of your children reading at home by emailing them to the class email addresses.

To keep you motivated throughout this 8-week term we will be celebrating the class in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 who achieve the weekly highest total amount of reads and our famous banner will be returning. This will be announced in our weekly celebration assembly and showcased on class twitter accounts.

We continue to be very excited about this reading initiative, as are the children. We much appreciate your ongoing help, support and encouragement with reading at home. We would also like to remind you that all parents are welcomed into school every day to read your child's schoolbooks. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcomed in from 3:15 until 3:30 and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome from 3:20 until 3:35.

If you have any questions about how best to support your child, you can continue to speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Horton and Mrs Short

Reading Team

Children who read at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year.

