



## Reading Star Challenge Year R and KS1 23 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we are really excited to introduce the Reading Star Challenge across the school. This is a new way for children to engage with their reading at home and enjoy the world of books. Rather than simply recording what they are reading and when they are reading in their reading diaries as we have done previously, each child will be given their own star chart which will be stuck on the front inside cover of their reading record. Children can earn stars by reading regularly and completing books. There will be certificates and special badges awarded to mark their achievements when they reach different amounts of star goals.

Below is a short summary of the main ways that children can earn their stars:

1. **Reading Regularly** – We will be encouraging the children to read as often as possible at home for at least 15 minutes. Every three reads will earn them a star. These reads must be signed into their reading record.
2. **Completing Books** – We want the children to enjoy as many books as possible each year and learn the value of sticking with a book through to the end. They will earn an extra star each time they complete a book – only one star per book.

Teachers will award the stars when looking through the journals and we have set the children the target of earning at least 12 stars every half term. This can be done by using a combination of the points above.

Reading Diaries will be checked once a week by teachers so that children can share their reading achievements with pride and receive their stars.

Having the opportunity to read aloud to an adult is really valuable so may we encourage you to find as many opportunities as possible throughout the week to listen to your child read. We also encourage you to read to your child to support their love of books and allow them to experience a variety of different stories beyond what they can read themselves.

If you have any questions about the journals and the changes to home reading, please do ask, we'd love to help.

Kind Regards,

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