

Shelley First School



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Reading challenge Shelley First School 2018

Dear Parents,

At Shelley First School we want children to LOVE reading. It is such an important life skill and one that we use constantly as adults without really thinking about it for work and in our daily lives. It's also a really enjoyable past time. Who doesn't love curling up with a nice hot cuppa and a good book or flicking through the Sunday morning papers and catching up on the news? For young children, it can be frustrating to read to begin with. It doesn't always 'happen' straight away and this can be off putting and hold them back. When children are a little older and already know how to read they can become stagnated because they haven't found that genre or author that just makes them want to keep turning the pages.

Being a good reader ensures good outcomes in all other subject areas as it makes understanding that much easier. Excellent readers can also usually produce excellent pieces of writing with accurate spelling and grammar and adventurous vocabulary. These influenced by the stories, poems and facts that they are reading all of the time.

Therefore, we have made changes to our curriculum in school to include even more reading and most of all to promote a love of reading. We would like to ask for your help with one of those changes...our Shelley First School reading challenge.

HOW DOES THE READING CHALLENGE WORK?

In addition to reading the school scheme reading book regularly each week (with a comment from parents each time please) children will win prizes for reading books that aren't on the reading scheme. These books can be ones that you have at home, library books or you can also borrow books from school if you're struggling.

The challenge will take place **EACH HALF TERM**, with the hand in date being the **last Tuesday** of the half term with **prizes handed out by Friday**. We will send reminder texts along the way.

You simply need to help your child to record the books that they have read at home, children have been given a sheet to record the books on. This sheet also has the hand in date written on it so that children know the deadline. This could be stuck in reading diaries with sellotape or kept in book bags. We will ask your child some simple questions about the books before awarding the prize.

Please see overleaf for explanation of rewards.



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CHALLENGES: The challenges are achieved when children meet the targets below **as well as reading home reading books regularly**. The number of books has been set to reflect the fact that we are already half way through a half term. We will put numbers up if the challenge is too easy and we will communicate this accordingly.

Award	How to achieve EYFS	How to achieve KS1	How to achieve KS2
BRONZE: a certificate and a special sticker	Sharing 5 books with an adult each half term	Reading 5 stage appropriate books each half term	Reading 5 stage appropriate books each half term
SILVER: A certificate, a special sticker and a dip in the prize box	Sharing 8 books with an adult each half term	Reading 8 stage appropriate books each half term	Reading 8 stage appropriate books each half term
GOLD: A certificate, a special sticker, a dip in the prize box and a bookmark	Sharing 12 books with an adult each half term	Reading 12 stage appropriate books each half term	Reading 12 stage appropriate books each half term
PLATINUM: All of the above and be entered into a draw to win a £5 book voucher	Sharing 15 books with an adult each half term	Reading 15 stage appropriate books each half term	Reading 15 stage appropriate books each half term



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