



# Reading Challenge

21 November – 8 December

Our first, class reading challenge has officially started!

All children will have brought home a reading record to track their progress throughout the challenge.

The current challenge will end on **8<sup>th</sup> December**, with stamps (you'll find out about them in a moment) being totalled on Monday **9<sup>th</sup>**. Any space in the reading record will then be used for the next reading challenge, so please don't throw them away at the end!

## The aim:

We want to nurture a love of reading, so the idea of the reading challenge is to **get the children reading regularly** and engaging with their books.

The challenge is designed to be accessible to all, regardless of reading ability/book level.

## Stamps/stickers:

Children will **earn stamps** in their reading record (and a sticker if they want one) **by completing certain tasks** (see below). At the end of the time, stamps will be counted and **anyone who has enough will earn a reward**. The reward for the first challenge will be:

1. Their name in pot to be drawn out for "sofa time" during reading, with 2 names being chosen every time we read in class.
2. Extra time added to the end of one of our break times.

It is my sincere hope that **everyone** will have enough stamps to enjoy extra time outside. The challenge is **not designed to alienate anyone or be too difficult to complete**, so please encourage your child to just do their best and I'm sure they will reach the target.

The number of stamps needed will remain a mystery until the end, so that everyone just tries their best and isn't put off by a number or decides to stop participating once they reach a certain point.

## How are stamps earned?

Stamps can be earned in a number of ways:

- Finishing a book and achieving 80% or above on the quiz
- Reading at home (for at least 10 minutes each time) 3 times within a week.

- Completing one of the activities in the back of the book. Some of these are written, some are creative/artistic. Extra pages can be added if a child has completed an activity for one book but wants to do the same one for another.
- Completing our extra challenge. This might be reading out loud even if they are alone, reading in an unusual location, reading to a family member/pet, reading to themselves and then telling someone about what they read, etc. These challenges will be discussed in school with the children, so they will know what sort of thing they can do.

There is space in the reading record for the children to record their quizzes and scores. There is also a section for them to write down when they've read at home and how long for. I'm asking that this is only filled in when they've read for **at least 10 minutes** and should only be completed once per session, even if they read for 30 minutes for example. There is space on this page for an adult signature next to each entry. It would be really helpful if you could sign/initial to say that you have seen your child doing what they've recorded in their book. I don't want this challenge to be onerous and add to already busy lives so I have tried to limit the admin!

Reading records need to be in school on Monday and Friday, to be checked and for stamps and stickers to be awarded! There may be some **shooting stars** available too, and **team points for best colour team participation** so there are lots of reasons to join in!

### Finally...

I really do want the challenge to be **enjoyable, open to everyone** and for all children to feel a **sense of achievement** when they get their stamps/rewards. Please talk to your child about the challenge and encourage them to take part.

If you/your child has any questions/concerns please talk to me or remind your child that they can always come to me with any worries.

Happy reading, Otters!

Mrs Moore

