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Dear Parents,

This year we are going to continue to focus on reading for pleasure. We appreciate that in the ever changing world in which we live, it is increasingly difficult to find time for reading and we want to address this by ensuring reading is viewed as an exciting, rewarding and worthwhile activity by all our pupils.

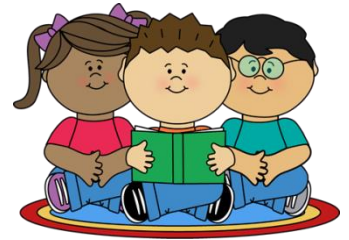
BOOK FAIR 5th-8th November



Please support our annual book fair, which will be held daily after school in the Y2 Blue classroom. The school will earn 50% commission on all purchases, which we will spend on quality texts for the school. Last year we received an amazing £560 worth of free books.

READING CHALLENGE

Before half term, children from Years 1-6 will once again be bringing home a 'Reading Challenge'. This booklet contains a series of book based activities for children to complete at home, (parent help may be given). The children will need to complete each activity on a different book. The Reading Challenge will run from October to the beginning of March when prizes will be awarded for the most detailed/best presented Reading Challenges during our Book Week. It is important that children do not leave all of the activities to be completed in February, so teachers will sometimes set Reading Challenge activities as homework and will ask to see them, to ensure everyone is keeping up to date. The aim is to promote a real reading culture and to develop a greater love of books.



HOUSE SPELLING BEE

We will be holding a House Spelling Competition on 22nd November for Years 2-6. This is similar to the Spelling Bee held last year, ensuring children focus on the key words they are expected to know in each age group. Some pupils will have more words than others as we appreciate it will be more challenging for some than others. Points for their house will be awarded for the number of correct spellings and the effort put in by individual pupils. The points will then be added up and the winning house will receive a trophy in assembly. Words lists will be given out at the beginning of November.



BOOK WEEK 4th-8th March 2020

In the week beginning 2nd March we will be having a Book Week. During this week, the PA has already agreed to fund a Shakespeare Day with drama workshops and more activities are in the pipeline.

As part of Book Week, we would like as many parents/grandparents as possible to come and read with their child or a group of children and share a love of reading - more details to follow.

Thank you so much for all your support with the above. If we work in partnership, we will hopefully foster a real love of reading and ensure our children become lifelong readers.

A Denmead/C Ward
Literacy Leads

