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'The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page.'

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school, we are always encouraging reading for pleasure, not just inside the classroom. We believe that a love of reading will be invaluable to any child and will set them up for a great start in life, as well as widely benefiting their education.

The 2018-19 Reading Challenge aims to increase the frequency and enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read a full book of their choice and to complete a review to earn themselves awards at various levels. The book can be either from home or a library and can be read either in or out of school. Your child, along with every Year 7 is now taking part in this exciting challenge which will run to the end of the school year in 2019.

Each student has received a Reading Challenge booklet. This is where they will log all of the books they have read which will ultimately lead to their award at the end of the year. The booklet contains general information for students and 20 pages of reviews for them to fill in once they have read a book. Students simply choose a book they will enjoy – but, hopefully, will challenge them a little! – fill in the review page for the book and get an adult to sign each one off. Any teacher or parent/carer can sign the page.

There are 9 awards to aspire to: Purple (3 books), Blue (6 books), Orange (8 books), Green (10 books), Red (14 books) Bronze (18 books), Silver (22 books), Gold (28 books) and Platinum (36+ books). At the end of the school year, each child will submit the number of reviews they have completed, along with their booklet as evidence, and will earn prizes in line with their level of award.

How can you help your child?

We strongly encourage reading at home for a small amount of just ten to twenty minutes a day. There is extensive research that supports the belief that this short amount of time reading has incredible impact on a child's ability to read. If you could encourage this at home, or even listen to your child read, this will reinforce the importance of reading.

We hope your child will fully engage with the Reading Challenge and will ultimately appreciate what an exciting journey reading can take them on. If your child struggles to choose books that suit their ability or interests, please direct them to Mrs Needham in the library, who will be more than happy to assist them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Needham
Literacy Intervention Team

