

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very excited to launch a new reading challenge at Turners Hill. It has been a labour of love and has taken some time to get ready, so we are very much hoping you're as excited as us.

The Turners Hill Reading Challenge has been designed to inspire children to read a range of literature as they make their way through the school. We have taken time to carefully select the texts for each year group to ensure that children encounter both modern and classic texts, a variety of genres and topics, characters and themes from diverse backgrounds. The idea is that it provides an opportunity to enjoy an author's style and therefore want to read more from this author, or enjoy a book from the beginning of a series and want to complete it outside of the reading challenge.

Of course, all children learn to read and develop fluency at different rates, and some children might find their year group texts too challenging. However, the books can be read aloud by parents/carers, or listened to as audiobooks.

To complete the challenge for the year, children need to read (have read to them or have listened to) the number set below for their year group:

- Reception: 7 out of 8 books
- Year 1: 7 out of 9 books
- Year 2: 7 out of 8 books
- Year 3: 7 out of 8 books
- Year 4: 7 out of 8 books
- Year 5: 7 out of 9 books
- Year 6: 7 out of 9 books

When a book has been read, make sure that your child answers the book talk prompts, completed the book review and brings it to school for a sticker. When they have their set number of stickers, they will have completed the challenge (awarded with a certificate and sticker in assembly) and if they read all of the books, there is a special badge for them to keep and wear with pride!

The same expectation of reading 4x a week is still active, but this can be made up of your child reading to themselves if they're old enough, reading aloud to you or you (or a carer/relative) reading to your child. Whilst this will count towards their weekly reading, it will not be part of the challenge. If a child has read 4x weekly, they will continue to have an in class reward. Children still accessing RWI phonics will continue to bring home books matching their phonic stage that have been read in the week as well as an additional book bag book.

In order to track this, each child has a reading calendar in their diary. To show your child has read, please sign in the relevant box for that date. Children will not receive the in class reading reward unless this has been signed by a parent/carer.

We have bought multiple copies of each text and children will be invited in every other Wednesday to change their reading challenge books. This will take place in the secret learning lab with Miss Roberts and an additional class teacher.

As with any books, we expect the children to take care of them and make sure they are kept in good condition for the next person. If these books are damaged or lost, there will be a £5 charge to replace.

We are so excited to begin this amazing challenge with the children launching on **Wed 16th September**, and continue to celebrate their reading successes. As we always say at Turners Hill, 'Reading is the key to unlocking the rest of the curriculum'

Yours sincerely,

Miss Roberts

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