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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all of the children who completed the autumn term Reading Challenge!

Throughout the spring term, we will be continuing our school Reading Challenge. This has been a great success with many children receiving certificates and prizes in recognition for the reading that they did, although we would like to see more children fulfilling this. The 'Early Bird Reading' is a great way to get your ten minutes of reading in, between Tuesday and Thursday at school at 8:50 – 9am.

We are setting the challenge of **60 reads** between **Monday 8th January** and **Friday 16th March**. The children will be able to earn certificates along the way and of course receive a prize if they manage to read 60 times. This does not mean that the children have to read 60 books! It means that they need to have read on **60 different days** between those dates. Just to clear up any misunderstanding, if your child reads at school then again at home on the same day and has been recorded in their diary, this will be counted as 2 separate reads, however, if your child reads on more than one occasion at home, this will only be counted as 1 read. The idea behind the challenge is to get children to read a little **every day** and develop a love of books, rather than reading 4 books back to back just to be able to gain 4 reads on the same day.

*“Children who read for 10 minutes per day are **13x** more likely to reach their expected reading level” (source: **National Literacy Trust**).*

Whenever your child reads (even if it's just a couple of pages of their book) please record it in their reading diary. The reading diary will be checked on a weekly basis to see how the children are getting on with the challenge. If your child completes the challenge, they will get to choose a reading book of their choice from our catalogue and will hopefully receive this in time for the Easter holiday.

If you have any queries regarding the challenge, please don't hesitate to come and speak to one of us.

Happy reading and many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Cox and Mrs Willis

Literacy Co-ordinators