

The Willows

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Primary School

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Reading Champion Challenge in KS2

Reading is an integral part of life and learning and is fundamental to function in today's society. At the Willows, we are committed to continue to raise the profile of reading throughout school and would like every child to enjoy and make excellent progress with their reading skills; therefore the school sets the Reading Champion Challenge.



The aim of the challenge is to motivate reluctant readers and praise those children who already read at least 5 times a week.

Some children in KS2 may have both **reading books** and **key word cards** to practise.

Key word cards – There are 12 cards to work through, so depending on your child's ability, they will be on a specific number card. The more they practise, the quicker they move through the cards. Parental support is vital in learning these words.

It is expected that every child achieves the reading challenge.

To complete the challenge your child must:

- Read at home for a minimum of 20-30 minutes, at least 5 times per week.
- Discuss unknown words that they come across in their home reading books.
- Quiz regularly on home reading books through Accelerated Reader, at home or at school via our school portal <http://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2209120/>

Ideally, children should read every day, but we appreciate that some children and parents have very busy lives and cannot always achieve this. Children can read in the morning and the evening if they wish and this will be counted as 2 towards the 5.

We ask for your support with child's reading as reading underpins all learning at school and parental support is vital in your child's progression.

Please come and speak with us if you are unsure of how to support your child with their reading and we can give you some top tips!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COVID 19

From September 2020 we will be following Gov.UK guidelines and making a few changes to the way we distribute reading books and ask parents to record their child's progress.

For children who are still following a reading scheme:

- Two books will be given on a **Monday**. We ask that these books are read daily and returned to school on a **Friday**. Books will then be 'quarantined'. One new book will be issued on a Friday, read over the weekend and returned to school the following Monday.



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- Word/sound cards – Staff will not be handling these cards, however they will still be able to practise them with your child and therefore able to update them as necessary. Please ensure these are practised at home every day and come to school daily too.
- **Recording reading** – this year we will be recording home/school reading in a slightly different way. Parents will be asked to record their child's reading using a paper record (see attached template). Please enter the date, book, page number reached and your comments onto this. There is also a space for parents to write/type messages to the teacher. Teachers will need to see this record weekly, on a Monday, to check comments from parents and to see which children have achieved the reading challenge for the previous week. If they achieve the reading challenge they will receive a stamp in the circle. Reading records will be kept in a file at school.

Monday	1 book returned, 2 new books issued and reading record checked/stamped
Friday	2 books returned and 1 new book issued
<i>Accelerated Readers in Y2</i>	Children can change their books daily, depending on the length of the book, and after successful quizzing

For KS2 children who are Accelerated Readers:

- With the absence of reading diaries, your child's home reading will be monitored weekly by your class teacher via Accelerated Reader and a school reading log.
- Each time your child chooses their home reading book, this will be logged at school with the date the book is started and a quiz score once they have quizzed via accelerated reader.
- Your child's teacher will monitor that children are quizzing and changing books on a regular basis.
- Once children have quizzed on their home reading book, children will return their book to a box in the classroom assigned to each day of the week; these books will then be quarantined for 72 hours. Teachers will then safely return the books after the 72 hours, using gloves, to the class library.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S. Thursfield

