

The Willows

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Primary School

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Reading Champion Challenge Reception and Years 1 & 2

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.

Children may have both **reading books** and **key word cards** to practise once they are ready to read.

Green words – Some children, particularly in Reception, are not yet ready for books so will have single words to practise. Once they become confident and fluent with reading these words they will progress to reading books.

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 – this can be reading of green words, key word cards or reading books
- **Read or practise words for approximately 10/15 minutes per night, for a minimum of five nights a week to an adult**
- Discuss unknown words
- Bring their reading record/diary to school **every day**

Ideally, children should read and practise words every day but we appreciate that some children and parents have 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. It is also perfectly acceptable for your child to read the same book twice, especially the younger children as this will increase their fluency, expression and understanding.



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Each week your child's reading diary will be read and a stamp will be put in the diary if the challenge has been achieved. Therefore, it is very important that the diary is signed and dated each time your child has read their book and practised their key words and that the diary is brought to school every day.

Rewards for achieving the Reading Champion Challenge

- Class stickers and the children receive a stamp on their Smiley chart.

We ask for your support with this challenge. 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!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S. Thursfield

