

Reading Giants Guidelines for Parents

The Aim of Reading Giants:

Being able to read fluently and accurately is a key skill for children growing up today and is the basis of all learning. There is a statistical link between children who read well at primary school and future educational success so regular reading is vital to a child's future. Time in school is limited and although reading for pleasure in class is a regular activity through whole class and individual reading, hearing children read at home, sharing books and reading independently for pleasure are also very important to their progress.

Children who read regularly (**at least five times a week**) for ten to fifteen minutes will progress their reading and understanding of a text, and, more importantly, promote a love of reading. This will make a huge difference and will go a long way to ensuring that children leave primary school with the necessary reading skills to progress with their education.

These sessions could be:

- Reading their decodable phonics book (**at least three times**) or a book of their choice if they are a 'free reader' either to an adult or even an older sibling (for younger children) or independently for those who are able to.
- Sharing a book with someone so either being read to or reading it together.
- Listening to audio books either on an app, CD or online.
- Watching videos of others reading books, for example, a famous author on YouTube or the Cbeebies Bedtime Hour.

Therefore, the aim of the challenge is to encourage all children to practise their reading skills at home and to develop a love of reading, experiencing a wide range of books for pleasure. The Book Bingo for different age groups will ensure that children are being exposed to this range of genres and styles. Those children who do read regularly at home will be rewarded with certificates, prizes (pencil, bookmark, entry into a prize draw) and a book if they achieve Super Reader. Weekly results of the challenge will also be mentioned in Family Assembly on a Friday and the winning class/cohort being identified on the whole school display of reading.

How Reading Giants Works:

Each time a child reads at home, is read to, listens to audiobooks/videos or they read independently, this needs to be recorded in their reading record (Reception and Y1) or log book/Rhino (Y2-Y6) on the 'home' page section (the right-hand page). The older children (Y4-Y6) can record their own reading, **but it will need to be signed by a grown up to verify this**. Adults in school will check log books and reading records every Friday and those children who have read **at least 5 times** during the week will receive one sticker to put on a progress chart in class. Once 10 weeks have been completed (these do not have to be consecutive), then they will receive their Bronze Award and a pencil. The next award is Silver (20 weeks) with a bookmark and then Gold (30 weeks) with an entry to a prize draw. The Star Reader Award winners (40 weeks) will receive a book. Certificates will be given out in Family Assembly on a Friday and can be put into their Learning Journeys.