

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been exciting to see the children working hard at school and at home to improve their reading. Please find below a quick summary of the 2 reading challenges we are running in school this year and some helpful websites and resources to support your children reading at home.



Rainbow Reading Challenge

This is an ongoing challenge, designed by the children, to reward those who consistently read at home. Children who have read 5 times every week at home, and had their reading diaries signed, are awarded with a certificate and a non-uniform day half termly. Those who complete all 6 half term challenges will receive the Gold Award and Star pin badge in the Awards Assembly at the end of the school year.

Reading Spine Challenge

Each class teacher has selected 6 books to challenge their children to read, or hear read, over the course of the year. These books have been chosen to stimulate interest in reading, introduce new authors and share challenging vocabulary with the children. The books are available to borrow from the children's classrooms. Some evidence that the books have been read is required, either by a parent signing the diary or the children completing a small task related to the book. Children that completed the Spine Challenge in 2023 were awarded a book as a prize and also selected a new book for the school library.



This year we are working with the **National Literacy Trust** to continue to promote reading. There are some useful resources for parents on their website: www.wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support

Suffolk Libraries will also be continuing to support our learning, lending us additional books for use in school, visiting and hosting visits from classes to their local libraries. They also have a large collection of audio books which can be 'borrowed' using a Suffolk Library Card. See their website for more details: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/elibrary Books can also be downloaded onto **Borrowbox** for e-reading. www.borrowbox.com

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Kind regards,

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