



The Reading Challenge

The Reading Challenge is our school's system for developing a love of reading and encouraging children to develop good reading habits outside of the classroom. Reading is such an important skill to develop in life and we make no apologies for pushing our children with this challenge! It is very simple - we expect our children to read at least 50 times outside of school **each term** (Autumn, Spring and Summer). Therefore, the challenge takes place three times a year.

What is a 'Read'?

- 📖 A child reading their school book for at least 10 minutes at home (a maximum of once per day will be counted)
- 📖 A child reading or hearing a 'Read for Pleasure' book or comic from home, school or the library for at least 10 minutes (a maximum of once per day)
- 📖 Children can collect a maximum of 14 'reads' per week and across an average term this could total as many as 160 'reads!'

What can you do?

- 📖 Encourage and support your child to complete the challenge. Older, more developed readers may be able to read independently to themselves, but please talk to your child about what they have read.
- 📖 Fill in your child's Home Learning Diary by finding the correct week and ticking off the days when they complete a 'read'.
- 📖 Send your child's reading book and Home Learning Diary to school EVERY day.

Please note: we count a child's 'reads' once a week but cannot back-date them.

What are the Rewards?

- 📖 If a child gets 50 or more 'reads' in a term they will be celebrated at our end of term assembly and given a free book of their choice!
- 📖 For every 50 times a child reads each term, they will receive a token for our Reading Arcade. Children can choose to spend their token(s) straight away or save them to spend on a bigger prize at the end of the year.
- 📖 If a child completes the Reading Challenge this means that they have also achieved one section of the Heathlands High 5!
- 📖 Your child will develop a natural love of Reading; an incredibly important skill that is used in every curriculum subject and in every day of our lives.