



The Avenue Reading Challenge

We love reading at The Avenue and encourage our children to read just as much at home too. We advise that children read at least 4 times a week at home to consolidate their learning from school. To encourage home reading we have a school reading challenge where the children are rewarded with a brand new book of their choice. It is awarded to them in our weekly Friday celebration assemblies.

What does the child need to do?

Read at least 4 times a week at home to an adult.

What do the parent need to do?

Mark in your child's Reading Record every time they have read their school book at home.

Please note that only one read per day will count towards our termly reading challenge.

The teaching assistant (Reception and KS1) or the child (KS2) will mark their read on the class chart so they can see their progress.

What are the termly targets?

We would like your child to have read...

50 times by the Christmas holidays.

100 times by the Easter holidays.

150 times by the Summer holidays.

If your child doesn't meet the target for that term, then they will need to try to reach for the next target.

For example, if they have read 50 times by February, they have missed the Christmas target. They will need to work towards 100 reads by Easter.

What books can they read?

In **Reception and Year 1** we ask that your child reads the book that has been given to them by their class teacher. This is really important. We carefully select these books to ensure they are closely matched to the sounds that they are learning in phonics lessons. Not only that, but the books allow the children to practise their segmenting and blending skills with words that are suitable for their level of understanding.

We welcome parents reading home story books with the children too, but we ask that only school reading books are marked in their Reading Record.

From **Year 2**, children are also given books which are closely matched to their phonics understanding and their level of fluency. When they have reached a **Turquoise** level book, children may begin to also choose reading materials at home to read. These books can also be marked in their Reading Record as well as their school book.

From **Year 3 to Year 6** children can mark in their Reading Records books which they have chosen at school, suited to their level of reading skill, as well as reading material that they are exposed to at home.

Children from **Turquoise** onwards (see website for list of book bands) are able to begin choosing their own books to read independently at home because their class teacher has judged that they are beginning to read fluently (approximately 90 words a minute); confidently comprehend what they are reading; and are confident at all previously taught sounds, should they encounter a new challenging word.

However we ask that school reading books continue to take priority across all year groups as they have been closely assessed by the class teacher to your child's reading level.