

# Drax Community Primary School

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## Star Reading Challenge

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you may be aware, Reading continues to be a key focus for us at Drax Community Primary School.

We have two core aims: firstly that our children are fluent readers, and secondly that they will enjoy reading and choose to read for pleasure.

There are lots of good reasons why we want our children to develop their reading in these ways.

Research from around the world has shown that regular reading can have a major impact on children now and as adults in future.

Some examples include:

- Higher reading attainment and writing ability;
- Knowledge of more words
- Improved self-confidence
- Pleasure in reading in later life;
- Greater general knowledge;
- A better understanding of other cultures;
- Increased community participation
- A greater insight into human nature and decision-making
- Increased imagination
- Improved problem solving skills leading to higher maths attainment

As adults, these benefits can increase social skills, employability and career success.

And reading can be fun!

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Books can take our children to places they have never been, to imaginary worlds with imaginary creatures and on adventures that Bear Grylls would be proud of!

At school we read a lot!

We read every morning to our Reading Buddies;

We develop our comprehension skills every week in Guided Reading;

We read 1-1 to our teachers;

We read independently during quiet reading when we can read books of our choice!

In Class 1 we read in our exciting 'Under-the-Sea' reading area as part of our free-flow learning;

And we read comics and newspapers at playtimes.

But reading at home is important too.

By listening to our children read at home we are showing them that reading is a positive activity and we get to hear the progress they are making!

So ... we have started a Weekly Star Reading Challenge.

In our Library we have a display of stars, one for each week, reaching to the ceiling. Pupils who read at home at least five times a week (recorded in their reading records) will move up to the next star each Friday. Children who reach the last star – so have read at least five times a week every week – will get a reward at the end of each half term!

As well as the school reading books, children might read a book from home, the library or even a comic some days!

Good luck everyone!

I'm looking forward to giving out lots of rewards on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October!

Yours Sincerely,

Clare-Marie Habbishaw

(Head Teacher)



The designated person for Safeguarding is Miss CM Habbishaw  
The deputy designated person for Safeguarding is Mrs J Warrington