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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everybody, and a huge welcome to all the new families joining us this year. I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a great new year of learning – especially reading! I am really excited to hear about all the fantastic reading opportunities the children have had over the Summer and very much look forward to seeing the results, so don't forget to hand in your Summer Reading Challenge forms - and any photos you managed to take. There are prizes waiting

We are excited to announce that next Monday we will be launching our new, whole school reading challenge. As with last year, the aim of this challenge is to encourage our children to read regularly and to keep reading fun!

The children will again be receiving bookmarks to record their efforts on another ten-step journey, but this time, it will be based around the theme of animals – from the most relaxed to the very speediest.

On each bookmark there are twenty stars which when dated by you, or a member of staff, will represent when your child has read. As always, we would like your signature, alongside a note of the book and page number, in their reading diary once they have read each day. To correspond with this, your child will be rewarded by you dating and initially one of their stars. Older children could record the details of their reading, leaving just the date/initial to be completed by an adult.

In addition to this, if your child reads to the class or to an adult in school, they will also have a star completed. This gives each child the opportunity to achieve seven stars from home and extra stars in school time.

When a bookmark is completed your child will be awarded ten house points and gain their next bookmark. Their name will also move on the reading display in our hall. If the whole reading challenge journey is completed twenty five house points will be gained for their house team and a certificate will be awarded. The first three from each class will also receive a prize.

Your child should have their reading book, diary and bookmark in school every day.

Last year's challenge became very disjointed due to Lockdown III and we are very hopeful that we will be able to implement this year's challenge without any such disruption. Something we are excited about is that we will be able to celebrate the children's achievements in a whole school, celebration assembly at the end of each week. It will be fantastic to see the children showcase their fantastic efforts with reading and move their stars across the board.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

With thanks,

Mrs Lockwood & Ms Wallis

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