Carlton Colville Primary School

Reading Robins Challenge

Year 1

A guide for Parents/Carers and children

"Children Who Read Succeed"

During Year 1, we want to encourage our children to read as often and widely as possible. Research tells us that children who are very good and confident readers, and who read for pleasure [ie. always have a book 'on the go'], are most likely to be high achieving pupils throughout all phases of their education. Reading is the vital key that unlocks **all** learning.

To encourage children to read as much as possible we are launching the Reading Robins Challenge, which will run throughout the whole of year 1 and includes all pupils, regardless of ability. We want every child to read more often; to encourage children who read regularly to read more widely and, ultimately, for everyone to find something that they love to read.

The books we have chosen are highly recommended for this age group - prize winners; old classics; wonderful new fiction and non-fiction.

How the challenge works.

Children select books from the Reading Robins shelves in their classroom or Activity Area to read at school and at home. If your child wants to have a home book/library book count as a Reading Robin read, the book must be checked by your child's teacher, to ensure they are suitable for the scheme. On completion of a book, children need to ensure that a member of the Year 1 team enters the read on their record booklet back in school. Children will be asked to discuss the book they have just read, to ensure they have understood and enjoyed it.

This challenge is open to all Year 1 children. You will find that the books vary in difficulty. It is perfectly fine for **your child to read to you** where they are able, or for **you to read to your child,** where the text is more challenging – whatever works best for you both. Reading a certain number of books will earn the children Bronze, Silver and Gold awards which will lead to certificates and prizes!

10 books read for bronze, 15 books read for silver and 20 books read for gold award.

Daily reading must be recorded in diaries as normal and, when not reading a Reading Bird book, children will still have our school library and Year 1 class book corners to choose from.

Great Reading

Remember fiction books aren't the only sort of reading material that will help you improve your reading ability.

These will also help:

Newspapers

Websites

Non-fiction

Magazines/Comics

Audio books