

Ridgeway Primary School

Welcome to our new 100 Book Challenge!

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of a new initiative to inspire children to love reading, we have purchased lots of new and exciting books to help our children read for pleasure, with you at home.

We have found that if a child does not have access to a wide and varied range of reading books, it can restrict their imagination for writing, and limit their vocabulary. We want to extend the range of books your child reads; they might love Horrid Henry books, but we want to show there are so many other authors to explore as well. As Ridgeway is so passionate about reading, we have invested a great deal of money into purchasing a hundred new exciting reading books for every year group from Year 2 to Year 6 (we will be introducing the challenge to our younger children in Year 1 by the end of the year). There will be a variety of books including classics, new releases and books written by authors they might not yet have heard of. We have tried to include picture books, comic strips, historical novels and poetry. Some of the books will be purposefully challenging and your child may need some support reading the text, on the other hand some will be easier for your child to read independently, however they are all excellent books which will encourage your child to come out of their comfort zone and try something new! Children are more motivated to read when they see people around them reading especially the people they look up to. We would love you to engage with your child's reading by enjoying their books with them. You may enjoy reading to your child or enjoy sharing the book together.

To encourage and motivate children, all our classrooms will have an interactive reading display of the books that have been specifically selected for that year group. The display will be set up as a 'Reading Bingo Board' and children will be encouraged to complete different reading challenges to achieve a reward. Just like bingo, they will have to read lines of books whether it be horizontally or vertically on the board. The teacher may set and challenge the children to read the books in all four corners of the bingo board or even books from particular authors.

Every child will be given their own reading bingo board to keep as a record of their reading challenge. Every time your child completes a book, they will mark it on their individual bingo board as well as the class bingo board display, and be asked to complete a book review in their classroom before choosing their next book.

In school we will record the books children are taking home and when they are returned. Due to the expense of purchasing the books for this challenge, we must make you aware that if books are not returned, or are lost or damaged, it will be necessary to ask parents to replace the books. We want the children to enjoy the new books, but also want to teach our children to have a sense of responsibility for looking after them. I hope you will support us with this.

Please note that this new reading book will be sent home in addition to their home reading book. Both of the books can be recorded in your child's planner and counted towards their reading karate stamps.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Gallagher

Core Development Team Leader