



Hartest Primary School

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"Developing the whole child"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Here at Hartest School we value reading as an essential skill in English as well as a skill needed to access all areas of the curriculum and life outside of school.

We are therefore launching a reading challenge to encourage and reward reading at home.

We are challenging the children to see how many days they can read for. For every day they participate in a reading activity at home, their parents can fill in a box on their Reading Challenge grid. The more boxes that get filled in, the further they progress and the more certificates/rewards they will achieve. Who will become a Platinum reader?

Your child will bring home a reading challenge grid to be filled in by an adult when they read at home, one box for every day they participate in reading activities at home.

Guidance for parents:

- Hedgehogs and Squirrels should be reading their book band reading book to an adult.
- Owls and Kestrels may read to an adult or independently, but the adult must sign the grid.
- Children should be reading for 10-20 minutes each day.
- Children may also read other texts e.g. books from home, children's newspapers, magazines etc
- All children should be given an opportunity to discuss what they have read and any words they may be unsure of, as this is how they will develop their comprehension and vocabulary.
- Most importantly have fun and enjoy reading!

The Reading challenge will continue throughout the year, but also links in nicely with the Sponsored reading challenge being set over the half term holiday in conjunction with Usborne Books, which will help raise money to enhance our schools book collection.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards

Louise Burford
English Subject Leader

