



*Ready, Respectful, and Resilient.*

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## Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the new term starts, I'm excited to announce that's the school's book vending machine is full of books, ready for the first 'Reader of the Month' awards later this month. I know how much the children enjoy visiting the vending machine and I cannot wait to hand out the first tokens of the year!

Alongside the vending machine, we also have our reading challenge that celebrates the day to day reading in school and at home. The reading challenge this year has been updated and I am writing to share this exciting news. Rather than the 300 read challenge that the school has run before, this year we are introducing a new challenge which is designed to ensure all children can be actively involved no matter what stage they are at with their reading.

In your child's Pupil Planner, you will find three Lambley Reading Challenge pages (one for each term). The challenges cover a wide range of reading interests and include challenges like: I can read and share a joke, I can read a recipe and make it, I can read a poem, I can read books by four different authors, (to share just a few examples). Once a child has completed a challenge, they can colour the box or tick the box (similar to Bingo). The children have 32 challenges to try and complete in the term and they can be completed in any order. It would be great if you could upload pictures or videos to Tapestry or Class Dojo so we can share in their great work and love of reading.

As we are trying to encourage reading and in particular regular reading, I ask that two challenges are not ticked for the same read. For example, if the child had the two challenges, I can read a non-fiction book and I can read in an unusual place. If a child has read a non-fiction book in an unusual place, we ask that they only tick one of the challenges rather than both. The other will still need completing. As I say, we want to encourage regular reading as this will help improve their reading, their joy for reading and support their work in school.

At the start of a new term they start a fresh challenge card and try and better their achievements from the term before. There are regular rewards to acknowledge their hard work and achievements.

The rewards are as follows:

One line complete = reading certificate

Two lines complete = a bookmark

Three lines complete = reading badge

Full house (all challenges complete) = child entered into a class lucky dip at the end of the term. Two winners from each class will receive a vending machine token.

We are so passionate about reading at Lambley and are already seeing more and more children with books in their hands and more and more conversations about books are taking place. We thank you for your support with this and I look forward to seeing how the children get on with the Reading Challenge this term.

Kind regards

Lee Christopher