

Thursday 3rd
March

World Book Day is fast approaching and our Thames Class Reading Ambassadors have been busy planning a fun packed and exciting day to celebrate the joy of reading. On Thursday 3rd of March, the whole school will join together in mixed age groups to enjoy a variety of creative activities.

Share a Million Stories

Although not the official theme this year, our Reading Ambassadors are keen to reintroduce the 'Share a Story' initiative and collection of book beans throughout the month of March. Children will be given a reading tracker to record each time they have shared a story for 10 minutes or more. Every 10 minutes will allow the children to contribute a 'Book Bean' to the school jar.

Favourite Characters

As in previous years, your child is very welcome to come into school dressed as a book character – these need not be complicated. For ideas see: <https://www.madeformums.com/toddler-and-preschool/last-minute-easy-world-book-day-costumes/>

Alternatively, your child is welcome to wear pyjamas, 'onesies' or cosy clothes for the day! Please be aware that some activities may be a little messy and costumes should be washable.

Read-a-Thon

During the week, each class will hold their own Read-a-Thon where children will be encouraged to collect sponsorship and read for an age appropriate amount of time. We will be supporting the charity *Read for Good* who provide books and readers to children who are in hospital. Please see their website for further information and resources. <https://readforgood.org/>

Sponsorship money can either be brought into the school office, or paid through the School Money website.

How you can help:

- Share a book with your child for at least 10 minutes a day (your child can then contribute a BOOK BEAN to our school jar for every 10 minutes)
- Encourage your child to read independently at home or share a book with a sibling, pet or teddy
- Read-a-Thon – encourage and help your child to find sponsors for the Radley Read-a-Thon and choose what material they will read during the Read-a-Thon
- Help your child to choose their favourite PICTURE BOOK to bring in and share on World Book Day
- JOIN US IN SCHOOL – Volunteer to read with an individual, small group or whole class throughout the school year (please let us know if you are able through the school office)

As ever, we thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your child's reading journey.

Best wishes,

Heather Sparks and the Radley Reading Ambassadors

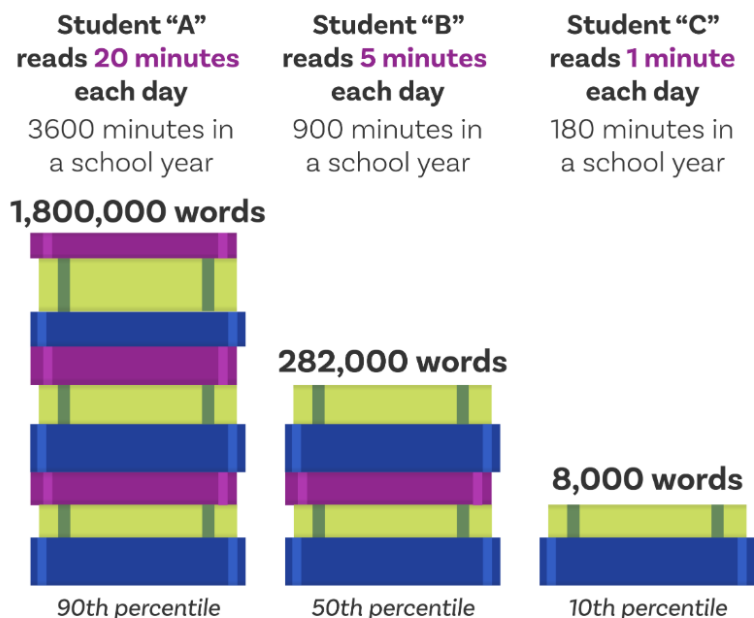


LET'S GET READING!!!

Suggestions:

- Make it a **PRIORITY** – it is important
- **ROUTINES** can help = Same time + Same place daily
- **SHARE** – Read TO your child as well as hearing them read
- **ENCOURAGE** – keep it positive, especially when tackling new or challenging words
- **DISCUSS** – Ask your child questions about the characters, setting or storyline (what have they enjoyed, disliked or found interesting)
- **RECORD** – Remember to record daily reading to help teachers to know where your child is on their reading journey. This can also be great motivation for a child to see how much they have read in a day, week, month and year!
- **CHOOSE** – Help guide your child to make appropriately challenging choices

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



USEFUL WEBSITES:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

<https://readforgood.org/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

<https://www.goodreads.com/>

*"Reading should **not** be presented to a child as a chore, or a duty. It should be **offered** as a gift."*
KATE DIMACILLO

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."
JACQUELINE KENNEDY