



Reading Challenge



Read at home:

**At least 10 minutes
Every day
For 30 days**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Peel Park we believe that learning to read and developing enjoyment of reading are vital for unlocking education to your children and future life chances.

There are so many steps to reading and we begin working on these from the moment your children enter the building in Nursery.

Put into very simple terms, children need to be able to :-

- speak and listen
- decode words using phonics
- be interested in stories, facts, rhymes and poetry
- be able to read words fluently
- understand the words that they read

The children who develop into the most confident readers who love books and learning are often children who read at home as well as at school.

Developing fluency is one of the difficulties that many of our children find, because they need to practice lots. Reading at home is one way of achieving this.



We are asking you to help your children with a challenge that we have set for them:-

- Read at home with a family member for at least 10 minutes every day.
- We have set the challenge for 30 days to begin with (it takes 30 days to develop a habit).
- Every time you read with your child, just sign their diary to say that you have done it.
- If your child does this every day for 30 days, they will win a prize – but they need your help.
- After the 30 days are up, the reading diary is for your child to keep, so that they can keep a record of everything that they read and we hope that will you continue the habit of reading with them every day.

Developing fluency with young children often means that they read the same text a number of times. This helps them to build confidence, speed and understanding as they become familiar with the words.

Older, more confident readers may be reading chapter books. It will help them to read aloud and discuss words that they are not familiar with or just discuss the story as it unfolds.

We know that if you have more than one child, it can sometimes be difficult to fit in, which is why we are only asking for a minimum of 10 minutes. Different family members could listen to different children. Older children can listen to younger children (if they are confident readers) – it's about developing good habits and your child seeing reading as a priority.

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs A Grist
Headteacher

Challenge starts : 7.6.24

Challenge ends : 6.04.24

Your child needs to have their journal signed every day for 30 days, to say that they have read with someone for 10 minutes at home.

If they complete the challenge, they will win a prize 😊