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The BPS Reading Ladder Challenge

Dear Parents,

I wanted to update you on our newest initiative to raise the profile of reading in our school and encourage everyone to get on the reading ladder!

Mrs Staveley (Sammy & Otto's Mum) has done a fantastic job of organising the ladder challenges for each class and Mrs Moreno-Nogue (Kenya's Mum) has used her amazing art skills to decorate each ladder...not forgetting Mr Blake who expertly fitted each one into the classrooms! Thank you all!

The idea is that the children access as many of the books on their class ladder as they can over the course of 12 weeks. Once the twelve weeks are closing to an end, teachers will be looking at the children's book reviews and awarding certificates and prizes for superb reviews and a dedicated effort to engage with each book.

Children can engage with the books at home with you, on their own, in a small group at school, with their teacher or Teaching Assistant or with a friend. There are lots of ways to experience an excellent story.

Reviews can be made in writing, in pictures, on film, in person...we don't mind how, we just want to know what the children thought of the book!

Each class has a librarian to keep track of the books so we make sure none get lost. Please help your child to remember to return their 'ladder book' if it comes home.

The Ladder Challenge has so far, been a great success and the children seem really fired up and raring to go (it could be the thought of winning a 'Bernard the Book Worm' which is this term's prize, but we like to think it's the books!). The teachers are planning the next set of books ready for term 5 and the school council will be helping to advertise the Big Burford Bake-Off which is our fundraiser to cover the cost of the books (more details on this fun event will come your way soon!).

I hope your children have told you about the challenge and that you are noticing a raised interest in reading which; is our aim for all. Reading is the key to learning and gives our children the best opportunities in life.

Let's do all we can to keep everyone reading and loving books!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Duff – Literacy Coordinator