

Christmas Reading Challenge - The 12 Reads of Christmas



Over the Christmas holidays we will be running a reading challenge for all the pupils at the school. Every child will be given a bookmark with 12 Christmas tree stamps on it (these can be crossed off every time you read).

The challenge is to read at least 12 times during our Christmas break which starts on Friday 20th December. Every time you read, following the rules below, you can cross off one of the Christmas trees on your book mark. After the holidays, you will need to bring the bookmark back in to school for your teacher to check. All children who return a completed bookmark by Friday 10th January will earn a certificate and be entered in to a prize draw to win some book tokens.

The only rules are:

1. You must read for at least 10 minutes at a time
2. You can only cross off one Christmas tree stamp per day
3. For at least three of the reads you must read with an adult
4. Sharing a book with someone counts too (for example if an adult reads a book to you)

As a working parent, I know it can be difficult to find time to hear your child read or share a book with them. Hopefully many of us will have a little more time over the Christmas break to do this. Reading together or sharing a book at bedtime is a great way to help children and support positive attitudes to reading. Even the most reluctant of readers enjoys sharing a book and being read to helps children as much as them reading to you.

I hope that this reading challenge will be a fun activity and enjoyed by those who take part. Reading should be a pleasure rather than a chore but being good at it will be a skill that will serve the children well throughout their lives.

