Hamstel Junior School

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Reading in Year 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the National Year of Reading and our commitment to encouraging every child to read regularly at home, the children in Year 3 took part in a special reading challenge during the last half term.

Rather than reading specific books, children were challenged to broaden their reading experiences by choosing books that met a range of different criteria, such as a book about animals or a book with a blue cover. As they completed each challenge, they collected stickers to track their progress and celebrate their achievements.

It was fantastic to see so many children embracing the challenge and exploring books they may not otherwise have chosen. Their enthusiasm and commitment to reading was evident, and children who completed the full challenge were presented with a special Hamstel bookmark during today's assembly.

This challenge has been a wonderful way of encouraging children to discover new authors, genres and themes. We have now launched a new reading challenge for this half term, giving children further opportunities to expand their reading and earn another special Hamstel bookmark.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. Reading together regularly helps to develop children's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books, while also fostering a lifelong love of reading. For further ideas about supporting your child's reading at home, please refer to their home-school diary. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Reeves
Year Group Leader

Mrs Bentley
English Lead