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Dear Parents,

Do you want your child to be a keen and accomplished reader?

Reading widely and for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of future success for children. Reading regularly from a wide range of quality literature has been proven in numerous studies to be the best thing your child could do to improve their overall academic performance and to encourage a life-long love of learning. With this in mind, and to support parents in promoting a love of reading, we are launching a school wide challenge for all pupils, entitled:

100 books to read before you leave Thorp

This challenge consists of three lists: List one for EYFS and KS1, List two for LKS2 (Years 3 & 4) and List three for UKS2 (Years 5 & 6). Within these three lists are book titles which support and extend English/literacy skills taught in schools and also promote a love of reading through favourite and well known books for children.

We will be encouraging all children in school to read and share as many of the books from the lists as possible at home and in their own time, and will be incorporating many of them in the units of work taught in class.

We do not necessarily expect children to read all of the books by themselves but would encourage parents to read some of them as "bedtime stories" and as books to share as a family when reading together. This may involve books from other Year group lists, not just the ones in their age range. This shared reading would still count as part of the reading challenge.

Even for those children who can read the books independently, hearing books read aloud and modelled by an adult is still an extremely important part of reading development, as is talking about books they have read. We would therefore encourage all adults involved with your child's reading at home to read together or read aloud to your child. The more adults who can read with your child, or to them, the better. Every adult will bring a different perspective to a story or ask different questions; this will really help with a child's comprehension of a story if they re-read it with lots of different adults at home.

If a child manages to complete the titles from their suggested lists before, or by the time they leave a Key Stage, they will receive a special certificate, as well as having markedly improved their reading and overall academic performance. Any child that reads all 100 books will go on the 'Roll of Honour,' displayed in the hall. Your child will have a list of the 100 books in their reading records which they can tick off as they read them.

We hope that you enjoy reading some of these titles with your child. The lists themselves include classic and modern titles, as well as books from prizewinning authors and illustrators. Within the lists, we hope that you will discover some old favourites and find some new titles to enjoy but most importantly, find some books which your child absolutely loves and which motivate them to read independently for pleasure.

Good luck and enjoy reading!

Mr Lengden

The 100 books to read before you leave Thorp Primary School

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen

Dogger by Shirley Hughes

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Winnie the Pooh by A A Milne

Funnybones by Allan and Janet Ahlberg

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr Seuss

Grimm's Fairy Tales by The Brothers Grimm

The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

Not Now Bernard by David Mckee

The Paddington series by Michael Bond

Five Children and It by E Nesbit

Farmer Duck by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury

The Alfie and Annie Rose series by Shirley Hughes

Six Dinner Sid by Inga Moore

Sad Book by Michael Rosen

The Jolly Postman by Allan Ahlberg

Zoo by Anthony Browne

Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne

Cinderella by Charles Perrault, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti

Beegu by Alexis Deacon

The Mr Men and Little Miss series by Roger Hargreaves

The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

On the Way Home by Jill Murphy

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Angelo by Quentin Blake

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

My Mum by Anthony Browne

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

The Tunnel by Anthony Browne

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Click Clack Moo: cows that type by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

I Will Not Ever Never Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child

The Kipper series by Mick Inkpen

The Milly-Molly-Mandy series by Joyce Lankester Brisley

The 100 books to read before you leave Thorp Primary School
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Matilda by Roald Dahl
The Iron Man by Ted Hughes
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
The Twits by Roald Dahl
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
Esio Trot by Roald Dahl
The Magic Far Away Tree by Enid Blyton
The Worst Witch series by Jill Murphy
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
A Dark, Dark Tale by Ruth Brown
Coraline by Neil Gaiman
Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman
The Sheep Pig by Dick King-Smith
Gentle Giant by Michael Morpurgo
Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti
Theseus and the Minotaur by David Orme and Wendy Body
The Just William series by Richmal Crompton
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Draywalt and Oliver Jeffers
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
The Skulduggery Pleasant series by Derek Landy
The Early Years at Malory Towers by Enid Blyton
The Mrs Pepperpot series by Alf Proysen
The Asterix Series by Rene Goscinny and Albert Uderzo
The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo
Shakespeare Stories by Leon Garfield
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graham

The 100 books to read before you leave Thorp Primary School
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)

Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
The Chronicles of Narnia by C S Lewis
Stig of the Dump by Clive King
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer
I am David by Anne Holm
The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
Clockwork by Phillip Pullman
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome
The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
Treasure Island by R L Stevenson
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
The Railway Children by E Nesbit
Kidnapped by R L Stevenson
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff
Street Child by Berlie Doherty
The Happy Prince and Other Stories by Oscar Wilde
Face by Benjamin Zephaniah
The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler by Gene Kemp
Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver
Birds Beasts and Relatives by Gerald Durrell
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner
The Fib and Other Stories by George Layton
The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson