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## Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Bowness Primary School, we believe that **every child is a reader**. Reading regularly supports children in all areas of learning, helping to build their vocabulary, improve their imagination, develop their confidence and strengthen their understanding of the world around them. We encourage all children to read a little every day, whether this is independently or with an adult.

Did you know that children who read **at least three times a week** are more likely to develop stronger vocabulary, better comprehension skills and greater confidence as learners? A few minutes of reading each day really does make a difference!

To encourage regular reading at home, we will be introducing a new **Reading Challenge** each half term. Each child will receive a challenge sheet with boxes to colour in. Every time your child reads, simply colour in one box. Once all of the boxes have been coloured, your child will have completed the challenge and can take part in the special half-termly reward in the last week of the half term.

We hope this will be a fun way to motivate children to read regularly and celebrate their achievements. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

**Happy reading!**

Kind regards,

Miss Thorpe

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