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Dear Parents,

100 BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU LEAVE

We are excited to launch our new competition '100 books to read before you leave'. There are two versions, a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6 version where the books have been sorted so they are age appropriate. The competition will run from the Autumn term through to the end of June. We are aware that children who are in Years 4 and 6 will only have a year to complete the competition but it would be great for them to try. The lists of books will be available in the school library, in classroom book corners and on the website under 'English' and 'Library'. **This is not a compulsory competition** but it would be great to get as many involved across the year as possible. If your child would like to join in, the competition booklets will be on display in the library to take away- they will need a parent/guardian signature to say they have completed the book. Children can record these books in their reading record as well and can read in addition to this competition.

There will be awards for the amount of books read by children: a bronze certificate for 25 books, a silver certificate for 50 books, a gold certificate for 75 books and a badge for all 100 books. This will be regulated by our librarian- Mrs Carter. We will ensure the school library is stocked with as many books from the list as possible but some may need to be shared/borrowed from Fareham library or elsewhere.

Possible questions:

What if the book is too long or they don't enjoy it?

They don't have to read the whole book. We encourage children to read a good chunk of the book e.g. a few chapters but if they really aren't enjoying it, they don't have to read it all. Books can be read independently by the child or shared with an adult. Some of the selected texts can be quite challenging so the book can also be read to the child.

What is the green and red writing below the book names?

Some of the books have **class text** below them, please try and refrain from reading these until they are covered in that year group as it would be a shame to spoil it! Some of the books are **11up/T(teen)**, it is at the discretion of the parent to allow your child to read these books. Our school library system won't allow year 5 children so children will need to ask special permission from Mrs Carter to borrow these.

What if my child has read the book before?

If they have read it before in a previous year group, they don't have to read it again but can choose to if they would like to.

We hope it is a fun competition, which promotes a love of books and reading for pleasure.

Mrs Norton
English Manager

