



Wednesday 20th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Reading through the Summer!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go!" Dr. Seuss

Reading is such an important part of any child's life. It provides the opportunity for them to escape into imaginative worlds and live out exciting adventures. A child who can read has their curriculum unlocked for them and is able to access all learning. At Speenhamland, we strive to develop children's reading skills so every child leaves primary school as a fluent, able reader. We also work hard to promote a love of reading through our engaging library and daily story times.

Over the summer holiday, we are really keen for children to continue their love of reading, so we have some different initiatives to support this.

1. We are encouraging all children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge - **"Gadgeteers!"** The children are encouraged to visit their local library and read at least six books, collecting stickers for their special Gadgeteers poster. Any child who completes the challenge can bring their medal and certificate into school for a special assembly at the end of September. We have also offered any class where EVERY child completes the reading challenge, two Golden Dragon Eggs!
2. We are running an hourly story time through the summer. This will provide an opportunity for children to come into school and change their books, listen to a story and enjoy a squash and biscuit. Parents can then enjoy a coffee in town for the hour! Please see the timetable below:

10.00 – 11.00	Adult 1	Adult 2
Wednesday 27 th July	Mrs Osmond	Miss Oakham
Wednesday 3 rd August	Mrs Waterfall	Mrs Maher
Wednesday 10 th August	Miss Hipgrave	Miss Dodd
Wednesday 17 th August	Mrs Maher	Mrs Caudle
Wednesday 24 th August	Mr Page	Mrs Flitton
Wednesday 31 st August	Mrs Lewry	Mrs Richardson

We hope you will make the most of the reading opportunities on offer over the summer.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island!" Walt Disney.

Mrs Julie Lewry
Headteacher