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## Riverbridge Reading Race

Dear Riverbridge Families,

Following our recent communication regarding learning at home and summer expectations, I am very excited to introduce the **Riverbridge Reading Race**. The launch presentation for this event can be found on the school website and Facebook page.

This reading challenge is an opportunity for your child/children to earn points to earn rewards for their continued effort in learning and personal development over the summer holidays.

Every year group will receive a table of recommended reads for their age range. Children can read these books independently to earn points or have them shared with them by family members if the texts are a little challenging to read. If the books are hard to obtain or borrow, points can be awarded for reading a book by the same author or illustrator or a book on a similar topic/theme related to the title.

### Ideas to support the Riverbridge Reading Race

#### Libraries

Staines Library has reopened following social distancing guidelines and information on how the library is operating can be found here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries>. They are also supporting the national reading challenge, so if you would prefer to take part in this, please do. Details can be found here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-teens/5-to-12-year-olds/summer-reading-challenge>. Any book read as part of this challenge will also earn five points for your child.

#### Take 5: Ideas for Home / Independent Learning

The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) have suggested five approaches to enjoying books at home: Explore it; Illustrate it; Talk about it; Imagine it; and Create it! Attached to this letter are some ideas for how children can build upon their reading using a 'Take 5!' approach at home, using one of the texts from the recommended reads. Each additional activity completed around the text is worth an additional two points!

#### Record sheet

Your child can record the points that they have earned on the Riverbridge Race Record sheet, attached below. It contains information of the certificates, stickers and prizes available! An editable document is available on the school website should your child wish to electronically record their efforts. The more points earned, the greater the reward! Teachers are very much looking forward to celebrating and giving the certificates and prizes in class in September.

Once again, thank you for your continued effort in supporting the learning offer throughout these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

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