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## Year 4 The Postcard Reading Challenge

Dear Parents,

We are very keen to encourage the children in year 4 to read at home and reward them for doing this. It is widely accepted that children who read for pleasure do significantly better at school than those who don't. Research tells us that when you read often and with enthusiasm, you lay foundations that last for life.

With this in mind, we have devised a simple reading challenge that we hope will appeal to the children. Children this age love to collect cards and swap them so we have devised a reading challenge that makes the most of this. This is how it works:

1. The children choose a book - from home, the county library, the school library or the classroom.
2. We will give the children a challenge to complete. This will be written on one side of a postcard.
3. The children take the book home and read it. We hope that you will support and encourage your child with this, e.g., by setting aside some reading time. Audio books are perfectly acceptable if this is something you think will appeal to your child - try and have a paper copy of the book for your child to follow along with. Similarly, if you want to read to your child, share the book together so the children can see the text and pictures.
4. Once the children have read the book they will write their answer to the challenge on the back of the postcard - filling the space. Again, your child may need your support and encouragement with this.
5. The children will bring their completed postcard in and swap it for a postcard from our 'collectors' selection (we have postcards that feature Roald Dahl characters, Marvel heroes and Disney & Pixar characters).
6. The class teacher will display the children's completed challenge postcards in a presentation folder which will be displayed in the classroom.
7. The children can do as they wish with their postcards - they might want to display them at home; or make their own collector's book.

There are 5 different challenges, which cover fiction and nonfiction books. We hope by the end of the term that all children have been able to collect all five postcards - or maybe more if they repeat a challenge with a different book.

If you have any questions about this reading challenge, please talk to us.

Thank you for your continued support,

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