



Is your son or daughter taking up the Challenge in 2015?

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person before: **Friday 4 September.**

The Challenge is to read **12 books in total**:

- Reception to Year 7: **8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and **4** of their own choice, which can include class novels and research texts.
- Years 8 and 9: **4** books from the Challenge lists and **8** of their own choice, which can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.
- Years 10 to 12: **12** books of their own choice, which can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.

Student reading records are available from your child's teacher, from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library (ask your child's teacher) or download from the website.

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to us. We award a winner every month with a book prize and post their review, first name and school on our website. Also, we have a student blog section for both primary and secondary students to post and share thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your son/daughter to have a go!

The Challenge website has a section for students, school staff and families. Check it out for some great ideas!

Don't forget the [GreatStart](#) website, developed to support families with ideas and activities to help make the most of everyday learning and events, especially important in the first five years of their life:

'We know families are busy so we have ideas for activities that you are already doing, ideas that may be new and will only take a few minutes and others that will take longer. We have also included extra information for you if you want to learn more about the literacy and numeracy that your child will be developing and how this will link to learning in later life.'

We will continue to add new ideas and activities, including ideas to connect to particular events or occasions. We are also keen to hear from you on the site; how you went, what worked or other ideas that we can share with other families.'

Enjoy the Challenge,

Yours Sincerely,

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