

We need your support to win!

Dear parent/carer,

To add excitement to the new year, we have entered the DreamBox Reading Plus New Year Challenge. The three primary and secondary schools with the highest reading lessons (on average) on Reading Plus will be awarded at the end of the six-week challenge.

In school, we use Reading Plus, an online reading development programme, to help students with their reading skills and confidence. Children have access to 1,300+ high-quality online texts that are both engaging and inspirational, and match their reading levels.

About the Reading Plus New Year Challenge

Competition organisers Daisy Education will monitor programme data through a weekly leaderboard, which will help keep track of our school's ranking throughout the challenge.

Prizes are awarded as follows:

- **1st place:** £150 voucher and a certificate
- **2nd place:** £100 voucher and a certificate
- **3rd place:** £75 voucher and a certificate

(One primary and one secondary school will be awarded each prize).

The competition starts on Monday 19th January, and winners will be announced on Wednesday 11th March.

How can you help?

Reading Plus can be accessed from home via a computer, laptop or tablet. If you have these devices at home, we encourage you to get your child to use the programme on evenings or weekends.

If your child uses Reading Plus at home, from their pupil Dashboard, click on the Families link for more information on how best to support your child with their Reading Plus journey.

What will my child gain from using the programme?

The stories are short and engaging to keep motivation levels high. Your child will challenge themselves to become a better reader and, in doing so, develop better reading habits. They will better understand what they have read and be better prepared for assessments.

How does Reading Plus work?

Children choose a story (typically 6-7 minutes long) from a level appropriate to their reading ability. Once finished, they answer ten questions to test their understanding.

Reading Plus is not meant to replace physical reading books, nor is it just an eLibrary. The programme is designed to teach your child to become a more efficient reader, which will add to their enjoyment of reading independently – developing a lifelong love for reading. We hope that students will get much pleasure from using Reading Plus and progress in their reading.

For more information about Reading Plus, please visit www.daisyeducationuk.com or contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support,

Getting the most from Reading Plus at home

How does my child log in?

Visit www.daisyeducationuk.com and ask your child to fill their log in details. Please get in touch with your child's teacher if you are unsure of any of these.

Does Reading Plus work on a laptop or an iPad?

Reading Plus runs on laptops, desktops, iPads and tablets. Due to the screen size, we wouldn't recommend using Reading Plus on a smartphone.

Do I need to download an app?

Reading Plus doesn't need an app downloading - it's all accessed through a secure website.

Is there anything I need to do to support my child when they are working on Reading Plus?

Daisy Education has a range of helpful resources for parents and guardians.

Visit www.daisyeducationuk.com. You may also wish to sit with your child when they first use the programme. Other than that, it's just ensuring that Reading Plus is used regularly as directed by the school.

Can I see what my child is doing on Reading Plus?

Yes, ask your child to show you their personalised Dashboard - from this screen, you will see when they have been on Reading Plus, for how long, how well they are doing, the level they are reading at and their reading speed.

How to check your child's reading progress

Once your child is logged in to their Reading Plus account, click on the 'Families' link at the top of the screen for more information on how the programme works and resources. Children should aim for 80%+ comprehension scores in the Reading lessons. To earn Combos, students will need to complete two Reading Lessons in a row at 80%+. They can unlock new Levels by collecting Combos.

How long should my child be on Reading Plus?

Your school will set a recommended usage during school. There's no limit to home use so we encourage little and often.

Why does the programme use the moving bar when my child reads the stories?

We call this the 'Guided Window'. The Guided Window was developed to teach children to navigate lines of text sequentially - sometimes called left-to-right scanning. It teaches children to read at their own pace, which builds fluency and stamina.

What happens if we have a problem at home?

The easiest thing to do is to contact your child's teacher. If there is a problem, they should be able to advise.