**Letter to parents/guardians**

Dear parent/guardian,

*(School name)* is taking part in the Reading Plus Summer Challenge 2025!

**About the Summer Challenge**

Daisy Education, the home of Reading Plus, is challenging all students to read for pleasure during the school holidays. The challenge is a great opportunity for your child to enhance their reading skills and confidence, and prevent the summer reading dip.

There are five prizes to be won, two are based on Reading Plus data and three are based on our Bingo Challenge - using a physical book, magazine or comic to test children’s bingo skills!

**Why should your child take part?**

Reading during the summer holidays:

* Significantly improves reading confidence and independence.
* Ensures your child is ready to return to school.
* Helps children retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year.

**The prizes**

**1) Prize 1: A trophy and a £100 book voucher.**

The school with the highest average reading lessons (based on Reading Plus data).

**2) Prize 2: A trophy and the choice between a £100 book voucher or a pizza party for the class.**

The class with the highest average reading lessons (based on Reading Plus data).

**3) Summer Bingo Challenge (3 prizes)**

Children who submit their completed Bingo sheet will be in for a chance to win a £50 book voucher, a trophy and a certificate.

Using the Bingo sheet we sent home, children can participate in several mini-reading challenges outside the Reading Plus programme while testing their bingo skills.

Children must return their completed worksheets to **school before Friday, 12th September 2025. Alternatively, parents can also submit their child’s completed Bingo sheet here:** [**Daisy Education Bingo submissions.**](https://forms.monday.com/forms/5204246935223b088761d73b81931a15?r=use1)(https://forms.monday.com/forms/5204246935223b088761d73b81931a15?r=use1)

**How to get involved**

We would love you to encourage your child to read throughout the summer! This can be on Reading Plus, a physical book, magazine, e-book or comic. Any material they can access at home or their local library will work.

An excellent way to engage your child is to take part in the Reading Plus Summer Challenge Bingo.

Task your child to tick off all the activities before they return to school to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Yours sincerely,

*(School sign off)*

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**About Reading Plus**

Reading Plus is designed to improve children’s reading. It does this by developing silent reading fluency (reading speed), then introducing more complex stories (for comprehension) and advanced vocabulary (for knowledge). Children have access to 1,200+ high-quality online texts that are both engaging and inspirational, and match students reading levels. Teachers can monitor precisely what and how children read, meaning they can offer the proper support when needed.

**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. It’s also not 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.

**How does my child log in?**

Your school should have sent you information on how to log in, including a site code (unique to the school) and your child’s username and password. Please contact 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.

**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 here: https://www.daisyeducationuk.com/customer-support/resources-hub/dreambox-reading-plus?term=at%20home#results

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. Pupils will need to complete two Reading Lessons in a row at 80%+.
* Unlock new Levels by collecting Combos.

**How long should my child be on Reading Plus?**

Ideally, every day for about 30 minutes (at home and in school combined), but at least three times a week. Little and often is best!