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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to introduce our new KS2 Reading Miles Challenge, which aims to encourage children to read regularly and develop a lifelong love of books.

By age 10, children with a daily reading habit typically have vocabulary sizes **50% larger** than those who do not read daily, with children learning on an average of 600,000 words if they read for 10 minutes per day.

Over the coming weeks, pupils will be challenged to “travel” a set number of reading miles by reading at home and at school. Each mile represents each read that a child records in their reading record. As children read, they will log their progress and watch their miles add up.

The focus of the challenge is enjoyment and consistency rather than speed. Children can read a wide range of material, including storybooks, non-fiction, comics, poetry, or e-books—anything that keeps them engaged and reading.

We would really appreciate your support at home by:

- Encouraging your child to read regularly, alone or aloud to you.
- Talking to them about what they are reading, discussing the plot, characters and new vocabulary.
- Asking them questions about the book as they read to check their understanding.
- Helping them to record their reading when needed

Along the way, there will be opportunities to celebrate achievements, both individual and class-based, to keep motivation high and make reading fun.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote reading as a positive and rewarding habit. If you have any questions about the challenge, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,
Miss Kilmister
Reading Lead

