

Our Reading Challenge

Canary Wharf Primary East Ferry



Why do we have a Reading Challenge?

Our Reading Challenge is one of the ways we nurture a strong reading culture and inspire every child to develop a lifelong love of books. The challenge gives pupils access to a carefully selected range of high-quality texts and encourages them to read widely, regularly and with increasing independence.



What is the Reading Challenge?

Each year group has a carefully selected collection of 36 high-quality books, chosen to expose pupils to a rich range of authors, genres, themes, cultures and experiences. These books form the heart of each classroom library – they are our reading-for-pleasure books: texts that children can choose, enjoy, discuss and recommend to others.



How does it work?

The Reading Challenge is introduced in September and runs throughout the academic year. Pupils are encouraged to read approximately one Reading Challenge book each week, in addition to their usual reading books. Children may read these books independently, share them with an adult, or enjoy them through class story time and discussion.



Progression across the school

The Reading Challenge is carefully sequenced from Reception to Year 6. As pupils move through the school, they encounter an increasingly rich and ambitious range of texts, with growing complexity in vocabulary, themes, structure and subject matter. The selections include fiction, poetry and high-quality non-fiction, alongside texts representing a broad range of authors, cultures and perspectives.



Reading at home and celebrating success

Pupils are encouraged to take Reading Challenge books home so that reading for pleasure extends beyond the classroom. At the end of each half term, children who have read the required six Reading Challenge books receive a certificate, helping us celebrate their commitment and success as readers.



What do we want pupils to achieve?

- read regularly for pleasure;
- experience a broad and diverse range of literature;
- discover favourite authors, genres and texts;
- talk confidently about books and make recommendations;
- develop the stamina and independence to read increasingly challenging texts; and
- see reading as an enjoyable and valued part of everyday life.

Ultimately, our Reading Challenge supports our wider ambition that every child leaves East Ferry seeing themselves as a reader.

Year 4

Reading Challenge Books

