



Wednesday 10th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Winter Break Reading Challenge & New Reading Opportunities

We are excited to launch a number of exciting Reading initiatives over the coming weeks ahead.

The first is our Winter Break Reading Challenge, which is designed to encourage children to continue reading regularly over the holidays in a fun and engaging way. Children will shortly receive a reading bingo card via Class Dojo, which they can complete over the break. We invite families to send in photos of the weird, wonderful and creative places your child enjoys reading to winterchallenge@capitalschoolbahrain.com. We will then celebrate this in school.

Alongside this, we are pleased to inform you that we are continuing to strengthen our approach to reading across Primary through our use of the Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) programme. ORT is a structured and progressive reading scheme that supports children to develop strong phonics, fluency and comprehension skills, all of which are essential for success across the wider curriculum.

To further support reading at home, your child will shortly receive a personal login for the Oxford Reading Tree e-book platform. This will allow them to access the same high-quality books at home that they use in school, anytime and on a range of devices. Many of the books also include audio support to help build confidence and independence. A short video guide will be shared with parents via Class Dojo, showing how to log in and access the platform easily.

We are also excited to launch our 250,000 Minute Reading Challenge, which encourages daily reading at home and celebrates the importance of reading for pleasure. To support this, children will be sent a reading bookmark home each week. Parents are asked to record the number of minutes their child reads each day, and then calculate the total at the end of the week. These weekly totals will be collected and added to our whole-school count.

To make this even more exciting, prizes will be awarded to the top class, as well as the top boy and top girl from each year group who achieve the highest number of reading minutes over the challenge period.



Reading regularly at home makes a significant difference to children's confidence, comprehension and overall achievement. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in developing a lifelong love of reading in our children.

Warm regards,

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Head of Primary