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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Developing Reading Habits

I am writing to you to let you know about how we are aiming to encourage all students at The Buckingham School to develop their reading habits. We believe that this is an incredibly beneficial use of your child's time outside of school as reading is one of the fundamental things that can improve students' progress across all aspects of their education as well as having many mental health benefits; this is something that has been communicated to your child in the last week in assembly delivered by myself.

Our aim is to create a habit of reading within our school community. I know that there are many students, across our year groups, who do read outside of school but I am also aware that there are other students who haven't found the right book for them to develop a reading habit.

Over the past half term I have noticed that students can struggle to make appropriate choices of what to read, therefore I have created a recommended reading list which targets individual year groups aiming to cover a breadth of eras, topics, and genres. I have consciously chosen to keep the amount of books we are recommending per year group small so that students aren't overwhelmed by the sheer volume of the list!

All of the books we have chosen are from the website School reading list - recommended books for children and teens and it would be a fabulous place for both students and parents to visit to find out more about the novels.

In order to ignite some reading passion in the last few weeks of term we will be running a Tutor Group Reading Challenge. Each Tutor Group will receive a 'bookshelf' and will need to complete a series of challenges to fill their 'bookshelf' up by the end of term. There are 30 challenges in total so each member of the Tutor Group will need to play their part to complete the challenge before Friday July 15th.

I have attached a copy of the 'Recommended Reading List' and a copy of the 'Reading Challenges' to this letter for your information. Please discuss the challenge with your child and encourage them to complete their part.

"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book." – Frank Serafini

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Merrick

Curriculum Leader of English

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

