



**'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'**

### **Around the World Reading Challenge**

We are challenging the children to read more this year. I am delighted to inform you that we have today launched our new bespoke reading challenge 'Around the World Reading Challenge.' The ultimate purpose of the challenge being to develop a long-lasting love of reading.

Dr Seuss famously said "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go!"

Each child will be given a 'Spikey Reading Passport' to record their reading. Each time they read a book you need to sign to verify that they have completed it. They can read independently, read with you, be read to by you or even listen to an audio book. When they have completed each of the reading challenge journeys, they will receive a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

The aim of the challenge is to get children reading more, but also for them to read different books: new authors, new genres and more challenging books. We have copies of many of the books in school, but this is also an excellent opportunity for you to take your child to local library.

Please discuss the challenges with your child and how you can set about completing them. When one of the challenges has been completed, please sign your child's home school reading record.

Your child's class teacher will check the Reading Passport, so it is important that this is returned to school on a regular basis. It is not intended that the challenge is completed over a few weeks, but it is anticipated that it will last well into the academic year.

Thank you for your support with this exciting challenge and I hope that you and your child will be able to embrace this challenge.

Vikki Marsh-Ballard