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Friday 9th February 2024.

R.e. Science Reading Challenge – Project 500.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to launch The Valley Science Reading Challenge (Project 500). We have called our reading challenge 'Project 500' to reinforce in young people's minds and memories that 500 is the Dewey Decimal library classification number for science books. The '500' shelves contain books on maths, astronomy, physics, chemistry, earth sciences, life sciences, botany and zoology, which should offer plenty of choice for the challenge.

The Science Reading Challenge will run from today (**Friday 9th February 2023**) until **Thursday 14th March 2023** where we will be holding a Science Day in school as part of British Science Week.

Each child has today been issued a 'Reading Passport', they have been assigned the task to read up to **six** Science books on topics of their choice (Class 1/2 have been given some ideas of interest, but you are more than welcome to divert from these suggestions). Each book that is read, please fill in the Reading Passport with the title, author and three interesting facts you find. The children must then have their passport signed by an adult. For each book read, a sticker will be issued on their passport.

There are extra stickers to be won! If you would like the chance to win more stickers, you could choose an extra activity to complete from the table below.

Make a quiz to use with one of the books.	1 sticker.
Make a word search to use with one of the books.	1 sticker.
Make a bookmark to go with one of the books.	1 sticker.
Write a book review for Amazon – with a star rating and comment.	2 stickers.
Write a 'Better Blurb' for the cover to encourage other children to read the Science book.	2 stickers.
Carry out a Science activity/experiment recommended in the book (with adult supervision).	3 stickers.

To source the books, our children have accessed our library today and have chosen a book to get them started. Please ensure children return this to school as soon as they have finished with it. Pupils are more than welcome to continue to borrow books from our science selection



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at school, but you may want to visit your local library to give the children a wider range of choice and to continue to immerse themselves in books. Pupils may also want to access e-books online.

As a school, we are working to engage children in reading across the curriculum, and with this challenge we hope children will enjoy doing this. In encouraging cross curricular activity and explore opportunities to include reading across subjects, this will enable learners to confidently and articulately respond to their reading through social interaction and creative expression. Alongside the curriculum, reading has a crucial place in experiences and outcomes, supporting learners explore their emotions, develop empathy and gain a greater understanding of the world around them.

Many thanks for your support with this,

Mrs Bould.
Science Lead.

