

## THE BEDIFFERENT FEDERATION

### BEDTIME READING CHALLENGE

16<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



To encourage more families to enjoy reading with their children, this year we have planned a range of challenges for children from all year groups to celebrate and enjoy reading together.

The first challenge of the year, our Reception and Year 1 Bedtime Reading Challenge, launched on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with an extra special bedtime reading evening led by our staff. The children were invited into school wearing their pyjamas and with their favourite teddies to enjoy a story together to start this exciting reading challenge and share what reading may look like at home.

For the next 19 days, our children are then challenged to read a bedtime story with their adults at home and record this on a reading tracker. All children who read at home for the whole 19 days will be awarded a certificate and a book for working so hard. We value the support of our families in hearing their child read daily, supporting our systematic phonics programme to include 'decodable' books to increase the children's knowledge of phonics and their blending skills in meaningful contexts. 'Decodable' books also enable children to feel successful from the very beginning by encountering phonemes that they already know.



