

THE BEDIFFERENT FEDERATION BEDTIME READING CHALLENGE

18th September – 6th October 2023



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 year groups to take part, Reception and Year 1, were challenged to read a bedtime story with their adults at home and record this on a reading tracker for a total of 19 days. 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.

We launched the **19 Day Reading Challenge** with a very special Bedtime Reading evening. We invited children and families to come to school wearing their pyjamas and with their favourite teddy. Our staff joined in too! Our teachers shared a chosen bedtime book with the children and shared what reading might look like at home too.



