

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the second part of the Autumn term, we're excited to share how we are continuing to embed our *Greenleas Reading Rainbow* across the school. This initiative is part of our wider commitment to promoting reading for pleasure and broadening children's reading experiences through a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive framework.

The Reading Rainbow is a reimagining of the "Plagues of Reading" concept, now transformed into a positive and child-friendly approach that encourages exploration across a wide range of texts. Each colour of the rainbow represents a different type of book or reading experience, helping children to discover new genres, authors, and styles in a fun and meaningful way:

- **Red – Real Deal Reads:** Non-fiction books that build knowledge and spark curiosity.
- **Orange – OGs (Oldies but Goodies):** Classic texts that enrich vocabulary and cultural understanding.
- **Yellow – Cryptic Chronicles:** Books that challenge comprehension and encourage deeper thinking.
- **Green – Brain Teasing Stories:** Stories with complex plots and layered storytelling.
- **Blue – TARDIS Tales:** Books with non-linear timelines, time travel, or unusual structures.
- **Indigo – Tale Tellers:** Narratives with multiple or unconventional narrators.
- **Violet – World of Stories:** Diverse books that reflect a range of cultures, identities, and lived experiences.

We believe that by encouraging children to read across the rainbow, we can help them develop a richer, more varied reading diet and foster a lifelong love of books.

How you can support at home:

- Talk to your child about the Reading Rainbow and help them learn the names and meanings of each colour.
- Encourage them to explore different types of books, including ones they might not usually choose.
- Share stories together, ask questions about what they're reading, and celebrate their reading achievements.
- Visit your local library or bookshop to discover new titles that fit into the different rainbow categories.
- Read aloud stories to your child as well as hearing them read.

We'll be celebrating children's progress through the Reading Rainbow in school, and we'd love for you to be part of that journey. Your support makes a huge difference in helping children feel confident and excited about reading.

Thank you for being part of our reading community.

Greenleas Reading Rainbow



Real Deal Reads

These are books that tell us real facts about the world, like animals, space, or history.

OGs (Oldies but Goodies)

These are older books with interesting words and ideas that help you learn about the past and enjoy different kinds of stories.

Cryptic Chronicles

These are tricky books that give little clues, so you have to think carefully to understand what's happening

Brain Teasing Stories

These stories have lots of things happening at once, so you have to follow carefully to see how everything fits together.

TARDIS tales

These stories jump back and forth in time, so you might read about the past, then the present, and then the past again!

Tale Tellers

These stories are told by more than one person—or even by animals or objects, like a horse telling the story!