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Dear Parent / Guardian

MER Summer Reading Challenge

As we work to expand our school library, and to instil a culture of Reading for Pleasure, we are pleased to launch Maiden Erlegh School in Reading's first ever Summer Reading Challenge.

This will take place over the summer holidays and encourages our students to read a range of stories to meet prompts and complete the bingo board of prompts. Students will be able to log their reads over the summer, through using this [form](#), and will receive DREAM points upon their return as well as being entered into the prize draw.

Research shows that students who read regularly have easier access to the wider areas of the curriculum and improves their academic performance. Reading also helps students socially, supporting with confidence building, enhancing empathy and fostering a greater sense of community.

To support this, students can access the [ePlatform](#) which launched in March of this year, which provides unlimited access to free eBooks and Audiobooks. Alternatively, students can access the [Reading](#) and [Wokingham Borough](#) Libraries, which offer a wide range of books in all formats, as well as a variety of other services.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing what your child reads.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cotton
Head of Year/Associate SLT/Reading for Pleasure

Ms Lawrence
Exams Officer/Reading for Pleasure
Ambassador



Summer Reading Bingo

Your summer reading challenge is here! Below are 9 prompts for books to read over the summer holidays.

Fill in the Google form to log your reads, gain DREAM points, and be added to the prize draw!

Set in a place you'd like to visit on holiday

Author with the initials M, E or R

Favourite colour on the cover

A book from a library

Read a book outside

An elemental book

Features your favourite subject

A 5 star prediction

A genre you don't usually read



The Prompts:

- ☀️ Set in a Place You'd Like to Visit on Holiday - this could be a real place or a fantasy setting
- ☀️ Author with the Initials M, E or R - this could be first initials, last initials or a combination
- ☀️ Favourite Colour on the Cover - this could be the background colour or part of a design on the cover
- ☀️ A Book from a Library - this could be a physical book from the school library, an ebook from ePlatform or an audiobook from one of the Reading/Wokingham Libraries
- ☀️ Read a Book Outside - this can be done in a park, a garden, at the beach, wherever you desire so long as it's read completely outside
- ☀️ An Elemental Book - this could be a book with an element from the periodic table in the title or on the cover, or a book with one of the elements of nature (fire, water, air, earth, light, dark)
- ☀️ Features Your Favourite Subject - this could be a non-fiction read about your favourite subject or a fiction read that features your favourite subject
- ☀️ A 5 Star Prediction - this could be any book that you think will be amazing, even if it doesn't end up being all that great, it's the prediction that matters most!
- ☀️ A Genre You Don't Usually Read - this can be any book that is outside of your regular reading habits

