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Commonwealth Games Reading Challenge 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

In order to continue to promote the importance of reading, the children at Oakmeadow will once again be taking part in a Reading Challenge. This year's challenge begins on **Monday 4th October**. All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be following the same Reading Challenge this year which has a Commonwealth Games 2022 theme. Reception children will be following their own Dino-Reading Challenge.

On Monday 4th October, your child will come home with a Reading Challenge record sheet in their reading diary. We ask that each time your child reads at home, you initial and date a box on this sheet. **ONLY ONE BOX PER DAY PLEASE** and for a minimum of 10 minutes. For any child who finds reading challenging, this will be reading to an adult and for the more proficient readers it might be supervised independent reading.

When your child has completed all the boxes for the first country (England – the host country of the Commonwealth Games this year) they need to show their record sheet to their teacher who will then allow them to move around the display. As they complete each 'country' they will continue to show their record sheet to their teacher who will then check them off.

Once the children have completed half of the challenge – they will receive a bookmark. Then once they have completed the whole challenge they will be able to choose a book (from a selection) to take home.

On Monday 4th October, we are inviting the children to dress in the colours of one of the flags:

Y1: England or Scotland (red and white/blue and white)

Y2: Australia or New Zealand (red, white and blue)

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Y3: India (orange, green and white)

Y4: Kenya (black, red and green)

Y5: Canada (red and white)

Y6: South Africa (green, black, red, blue and white)

We hope that as many children as possible will complete the whole Commonwealth Games challenge before the Summer holidays in July and that it will prove to be a motivating and interesting way to support the children with their reading. It will also provide an opportunity for them to find learn more about the countries that are within the Commonwealth which links to other aspects of global learning that we teach at school.

If you have any further queries about the challenge please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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