

At Gosford Park we are passionate about instilling a love for reading into every child. We want our pupils to feel excited when they bring home a book to share and look forward to exploring the endless possibilities and magical worlds their book can offer.

Recent studies have shown that reading for pleasure allows children to gain a high level of comprehension, an improved understanding of grammar and increased general knowledge. It also has positive impacts on mental health and wellbeing as well as creating a positive attitude towards reading, which follows a child throughout their life. When children are given the opportunity to read frequently, both their enjoyment of reading and attainment improves.

In order to allow our children to enjoy the benefits of reading for pleasure and gain this important life skill, we are running a **'Rainbow Reading Challenge'** this academic year;

Can our children read a rainbow?

Children will be rewarded for reading at home with a certificate (awarded in class) when they reach a set target:

Red rainbow reader: 25 times Orange rainbow reader: 50 times Yellow rainbow reader: 75 times Green rainbow reader: 100 times Blue rainbow reader: 125 times Indigo rainbow reader: 150 times Violet rainbow reader: 175 times

If our children reach the end of the rainbow, they will have the opportunity to achieve medal status!

Bronze medal: 200 times

Silver medal: 225 times Gold medal: 250 times

Every half term, all children who have achieved a certificate will receive a raffle ticket for our exciting 'Rainbow Reading Challenge' draw. A raffle ticket will be drawn from each phase during our last 'Gosford Greatest' Assembly (Nursery and Reception, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6), and the winners will get the opportunity to select a book from our special book vending machine; 'The Book Keeper'! Enjoy magazines, leaflets, instructions, information boards, audio books and other books as well as your home-readers, as these will all be counted. **Happy reading!**











