

Thameside Primary School  
 Manor Road  
 Grays  
 Essex  
 RM17 6EF  
 Tel: 01375 372188  
 Fax: 01375 394735



Head Teacher: Mr J Fish

Thursday 12th October 2017



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to introduce Year 1 parents and carers to our reading incentive, the Reading Miles Challenge. This challenge was introduced to support the development of reading skills. All children start on the 'red' award once they are choosing books from the YELLOW banded books. Prior to this, a child is working through the UK scheme, where they are reading lilac, pink and red banded books. At the end of the UK scheme when a child is assessed to be ready for yellow banded books, they are presented with a certificate. Once on the 'red' award, a child is given a passport to hold travel vouchers in. Every time he/she completes a reading book they will be awarded a 'Travel Voucher' worth 100 reading miles. Children will be presented with a certificate, along with a metal lapel pin, when they have reached their destination at each stage of the challenge.

European Travel	AWARD	TRAVEL MILES	NUMBER OF BOOKS
Starting from Yellow banded books	Double Green	30,000	300
	Double Blue	20,000	200
	Double Red	15,000	150
	Green	10,000	100
	Blue	5,000	50
	Red	2,000	20

The system has been explained to our Year 1 pupils today so they are ready to get reading! We need you, our parents and carers, to support this scheme by encouraging your child(ren) to read avidly so that they can progress through the scheme, collecting lapel pins as they travel.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Jones

