



The Ryecroft Reading Rewards Scheme

We are committed to developing a strong reading culture across Ryecroft C.E. Middle School and helping all pupils build positive reading habits, confidence and a lifelong love of reading.

As part of this, we are introducing The Ryecroft Reading Rewards Scheme for 2026–2027, designed to celebrate pupils' reading achievements and encourage regular reading both in school and at home.

Reading at Home Expectations

Regular reading at home is an important part of developing fluency, vocabulary and enjoyment of books. Pupils will be encouraged to meet the following weekly reading expectations:

- **KS2:** At least 3 reads per week
- **KS3:** At least 4 reads per week

Reads should be recorded in reading diaries and will be checked weekly by our trained Reading Champions and monthly by English teachers. Pupils who meet their weekly reading expectation will receive Regular Reader credit points as recognition of their commitment.

Accelerated Reader Rewards

To encourage pupils to read widely and regularly, we will be reintroducing Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes.

Pupils should take the relevant Accelerated Reader quiz after they have finished a book. Pupils who successfully complete six Accelerated Reader quizzes during a term will receive a Reading Raffle Ticket credit point and be entered into our termly reading raffle. This will give them the opportunity to win an aspirational reading-related prize. Prizes will be announced in advance through school communications to celebrate reading and encourage participation.

Half-Termly Reading Awards

At the end of each half term, we will celebrate pupils who have demonstrated excellent commitment and progress in reading. Awards will recognise:

- **Highest Word Count – KS2**
- **Highest Word Count – KS3**
- **Best Reading Progress – KS2**
- **Best Reading Progress – KS3**

Award winners will receive a certificate and a small reward to recognise their achievement.

Reading Selection

As we want to encourage our pupils to follow their own interests, we do not discourage them from reading books that fall outside their ZPD range. Therefore, pupils can have up to two reading books with them at school but we ask that at least one of these be at the appropriate ZPD.

If a book has not been selected through the school library, the following website can determine the ZPD range of a book: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx> Finally, we would like to ask for your assistance in ensuring that your child reads regularly at home as this will help them to achieve a faster than average rate of progress.