



**ELSTON HALL**  
Primary School

# English Newsletter

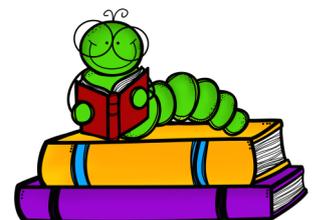
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## Changes to reading this term

**Here at Elston Hall, we are constantly trying to improve our teaching of reading and are making changes to keep children's interest and enthusiasm for reading, whilst ensuring that the maximum progress is also made. Below is a summary of the key changes. Your support is genuinely appreciated and really helps children to make progress in reading.**

- ◆ To encourage regular reading and response to texts read, each class will now be choosing a reader and writer of the half term. These children will be celebrated as part of a special assembly. Our new house points system will also enable us to award house points for children who complete regular and detailed response journals and who read the most books.
- ◆ In KS2, we are changing the focus of reading journals at home. Children can now complete a journal response based upon a series of choices which are detailed in the front of their journals. Teachers will also teach children how to complete these during the first weeks of this term.
- ◆ This term, we are also having a focus upon reading inference across KS2. Children will be given a series of activities to complete which will help to develop this key reading skill. Our expectation is that children complete either a journal activity OR an inference activity each week. This should add to the variety and also help children when writing answers to questions - a key skill required. In Year 6, we will build up to full comprehensions to prepare for SATs.
- ◆ Look out for the helpful support sheets for families which are found in the front of children's reading journals - these will give you prompts for the types of questions you can share with your child as you read.
- ◆ Thank you for sending in photos for our summer Get Caught Reading Competition. There are some great entries and you can see these on our website or on Twitter. We have also created a display in school. Winners for each class will be announced in October alongside our next Book Fair.
- ◆ Please also send in your Summer Reading Challenge certificates to either Mrs Mitchell in Class 18 or Mrs BC in Class 11. Prizes will be awarded in October during the Book Fair.
- ◆ We are also having a focus upon handwriting and presentation this term. Handwriting pen licences will be awarded to children whose handwriting is consistently neat. Look out for these in Y4,5,6.

***Please remember that the most important aspects of reading are enjoyment and understanding.*** As you are aware, support at home has a huge impact on any child's learning, **whatever their age and reading ability.**



***"Wherever I am, if I've got a book with me, I have a place I can go and be happy." J.K.Rowling***