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*"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book"*

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope everyone has had a lovely relaxing Christmas break. We are very excited to present to you our first activity for 2025 – a Readathon. The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading can benefit a child's education, development, their well-being and their mental health. So, we have no doubt that our amazing Saltergate families will really get behind this and support the children.

The Readathon will be open to all children, from Discovery Learning right through to Year 6. Each child will be given a 'bingo sheet' with age-appropriate reading/literacy tasks to be attempted over the course of this half term.

Children are invited to complete as many of the tasks on the bingo sheets as they can, and we ask that they be sponsored for each task they are able to complete. If you could ask friends, family, neighbours etc, to sponsor your child (any amount they feel comfortable with) and then collect the money once the readathon has ended and send it into school along with your child's bingo sheet and sponsorship form.

The class with the most completed bingo sheets will win a treat!!

The Readathon will run from w/c Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Completed bingo sheets, sponsorship forms and money will need to be returned to school after half term, w/c Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Sponsorship money can also be sent using the following link. Please ensure you include your child's name and class in the message box so we can allocate the funds correctly. This link can be shared with anyone who wishes to sponsor a child in their reading challenge.

<https://pay.collctiv.com/foss-sponsored-readathon-42447>

If you have any queries about this, or anything else, please get in touch -  
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Happy reading!!

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