Dear Parents and Carers,



We are pleased to invite the children to take part in a National writing competition which has been set by READ Foundation. There are prizes for the winners in each category which are:

* First prize in each category will win **£100 gift vouchers**
* second prize will win **£50 vouchers**
* third prize will win**£20 vouchers**

How to enter:

1. Decide on what you want to write, making sure you follow all instructions carefully.

2.Check the word limit and make sure your name is not written on the entry.

3. KS1 should hand write their entries and KS2 children should be word processed.

4. Please return your entry to school by **Friday 18th of February** so that we can send off your entry for you before the deadline below. If you miss the school deadline you can submit your entry over half term by following this link [www.readfoundation.org.uk/write-for-read](http://www.readfoundation.org.uk/write-for-read)

5. All entries sent into school must be handed in with the permission slip

**Entry deadline is Monday 28th February 11:59pm.**

These are the rules of the competition:

* You must have the consent of your parent/guardian to enter if you are under 16.
* Only 1 entry per student.
* All entries must be submitted in English (please check the maximum number of words allowed in your KS) and must be the author’s original work. Any entries containing offensive speech or material will be disregarded.
* KS1 entries must be handwritten (by the child themselves). Entries (including drawings) should be no longer than an A4 page. All entries from KS2 must be word processed.
* Entries should be uploaded via the online form above. Only entries submitted through this webpage will be accepted.
* Any late entries will be disregarded.
* As all entries will be judged anonymously, **do not include the writer’s name** on the page as the entry will become invalid.

**Please be aware** that all shortlisted pieces will be published to the READ Foundation audience in the UK and showcased in our READ schools abroad so that students sponsored by our incredible donors can also be inspired by your work!

The children can choose to do one of the two suggested tasks for their age range attached to this letter.

Reception children are invited to complete one of the KS1 writing tasks and their entries will be judged at a school level, as there is no category for EYFS children in the National competition.

I hope you enjoy taking part in the writing competition and I look forward to reading all the competitions that come into school.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Chidgey

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To take part in the KS1/KS2 (please delete) READ Foundation writing competition.

I understand their entry will be published to the READ Foundation audience in the UK and showcased in the READ schools abroad.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Print:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Key Stage 1 (5-7yr)

All KS1 entries must be handwritten (by the child themselves), we’d love it if you also included a drawing to go along with your story. Entries (including drawings) should be no longer than an A4 page. You can send us a photo or a scanned copy of your entry.

*Choose* ***either****the non-fiction or fiction prompt:*

Non – Fiction

***Write about a time you and a friend went on an adventure.***

Note: you get to decide what an ‘adventure’ is. It could be anything from the first day back at school, to the time you and your friend had to feed their pet cat.

Fiction

***Write a story where a character finds and becomes best friends with a magical creature.***

Notes: you get to choose which magical creature to write about, or you could make up your own. You could write about:
• what the creature looks like
• how your character found them
• what your character and this magical creature do together