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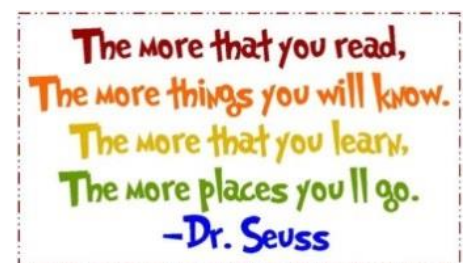
### Reading Ladders at Swanland Primary School

At Swanland Primary School, we encourage reading for pleasure by all children in all classes both at home and at school. In order to encourage reading, we are setting the children a reading challenge. Your child will be bringing home a reading ladder sheet. The aim is to read as many age appropriate books as possible with stepping stones along the way! Children are asked to start at the bottom of a reading ladder and complete a reading card covering 20 books then a certificate of merit will be awarded in the school assembly. Children can also read on line or on a kindle. The ladder levels are named after popular authors – children may wish to read these authors' books for any ladder level but can read books by any author; the best thing about reading is to explore books by lots of different authors! For children in Reception this can be books that they have had read to them.

When children have completed reading all 20 books at a reading ladder stage, they may have the opportunity to discuss their reading with an adult at school. Book talk will focus on reading for pleasure skills and enjoyment; asking why a certain book was chosen, favourite book from the list and why. Children will then be offered the challenge of moving up the ladder to the next level.

The ladder levels are:

Ladder 1	Julia Donaldson
Ladder 2	Roald Dahl
Ladder 3	JK Rowling
Ladder 4	Philip Pullman
Ladder 5	The Booker Prize



We hope that you will be able to support us in this scheme.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Palmer  
Reading coordinator

“If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books.”

– Roald Dahl

