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Dear Parents/Carers,

Spark Book Awards 2021

We are pleased to announce that we are taking part in the first ever Kingston and Richmond Spark Book Awards for children! This is an award that has been developed for children attending schools in Kingston and Richmond boroughs, of which 80 have signed up to take part. The aim is for children to read a selection of shortlisted books in their age category over the coming months and vote on their favourite, which will then be announced in an online ceremony in June.

As a school, we have decided to take part in this competition to encourage reading for pleasure, enjoying a good book and to also offer a distraction from everything else that might be going on in the world. We will be using the nominated books over the next term through lessons and activities designed to engage and enthuse the children.

The nominated books are split into 3 categories: 4-7, 7-9 and 9-11. This means that all children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to take part!

We are looking for a group of children to form a judging panel. This would involve reading the books (in the relevant age category), organising the voting across the school and acting as spokespeople for the awards to promote engagement across Ellingham. If this is something your child would like to do, please can you send their name, class and year group to me at Year6@elp.rbksch.org

If we have a lot of children wanting to take part, we will pull names out of a hat, as there are only a certain number of books in each category. If you would like to find out more about the Spark Book Awards, please click on the following link:

<https://sparkbookaward.co.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support,



Anna Wells

Assistant Head and English Lead