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Reading Awards

Dear Parent/Carer,

There is lots of evidence to suggest that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those that don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out print. Through hearing stories, young children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them to build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding.

As your child learns to read, you can help them choose books they will be interested in and give them time to practise reading their home reading book. Taking regular trips to the library with your child to borrow books and spending time looking at books together, will help them to develop good reading habits.

In addition to the home reading book and library book we send home with your child, you can also enjoy a range of different books, magazines and texts together.

This year, we are continuing with the way that we would like you to record home reading.

Every night your child reads their school reading book at home, they can colour in one of the numbered boxes on their 'Read to Succeed' colouring page.

Parents, please date and initial next to the numbers in each box before your child colours it in to show that you have listened to them read. Children should keep their 'Read to Succeed' colouring page in their reading diary to show their teacher how many times that they have read at home.

In upper KS2, it is the child's responsibility to replace their 'Read to Succeed' when they become full. Class teachers will help to supervise this in the rest of the school. Please do not record home reads anywhere else in the reading diary.

Class teachers will count your child's home reads each week and record when the diary was seen at school. Please don't backdate any reads after the teacher has marked the diary.

Children will have targets to reach every half-term and the opportunity to win prizes in a raffle.

The challenge is on!



Learn Together, Achieve Together





Why is reading (and reading at home) so important?

Nothing is more important in education than ensuring that every child can read well. Pupils who can read are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school, achieve good qualifications, and subsequently enjoy a fulfilling and rewarding career. Those who cannot, will find themselves at a constant disadvantage. (Nick Gibb MP)

"...parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading" (The reading framework: Teaching the foundations of literacy January 2022 DfE)

Our Reading Promises

The teachers:

- We will teach daily phonics lessons (KS1).
- We will teach decoding, fluency and comprehension skills (KS1).
- We will teach daily guided reading lessons (KS2).
- We will develop reading skills, build vocabularies and identify themes between texts (KS2).
- We will listen to children read regularly aloud and promote a love of reading.
- We will read a daily class text.
- We will provide a weekly phonic related or book banded home reading book.
- We will hold meetings and workshops for parents to support with reading at home.

The parents:

- I will listen to my child read at least **three times** per week.
- I will date and initial my child's 'Read to Succeed' colouring page when they read at home.
- I will ensure my child's reading diary and reading book is in school **every day**.
- I will support and encourage my child to complete any additional reading home learning, phonics or reading comprehension that may be sent home.
- I will read regularly to my child; for example: library books and books they enjoy listening to.

The children:

- I will take my reading book and reading diary home **every day**.
- I will bring my reading book and reading diary to school **every day**.
- I will read my reading book at least **three times** per week.
- I will colour in one of the numbered boxes on my 'Read to Succeed' colouring page each time I read.
- I will look after my reading book and reading diary.
- I will complete any any additional reading home learning, phonics or reading comprehension that I may be given.

