

## Reading at home

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to keep you informed about our new initiative for promoting reading at home. To better recognise and celebrate each child's individual effort, we are moving away from the previous reading bookmark incentive and introducing a new system.

All children should now have received their Home–School Record Book (Years 4–6 have received theirs today). We kindly ask that any reading completed at home is recorded in this journal. Please include the date, the book title, the pages read, and the initials of the adult who has heard their child read. We would expect children in Key Stage 2 to read for at least 15–20 minutes a day, while children in Key Stage 1 should aim for around 10 minutes a day.

At the end of each week, a member of staff will check each child's reading journal to see how many reads have been completed. The children will then be able to add their reads to a classroom reading chart, which will showcase individual effort.

The children have different levels that they can try to reach:

- 50 reads – Apprentice Reader
- 100 reads – Explorer Reader
- 150 reads – Adventurer Reader
- 200 reads – Champion Reader
- 250 reads – Master Reader

Children will receive a certificate for each level they achieve. If, by the end of the year, they reach Master Reader, they will enjoy a special reward.

Reading at home is important because it helps children to build fluency, deepen understanding and foster a lifelong love of books. By recognising each child's individual effort and dedication, we hope to encourage consistent reading habits and celebrate the progress of every learner.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make reading a rewarding part of each child's daily routine.

Kinds regards

Mrs Spelman and Miss Payne