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Reception and Key Stage 1 Reading Rewards

Dear parents and carers,

As a school, we strive to ensure that pupils read fluently and with good understanding, and that they develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information. Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child to become better readers and to enjoy reading.

The teaching of reading and comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better in school assessments and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of.

In Reception and KS1 we expect all children to read their phonic phased reading book at home at least 4 times a week. We advise a little and often approach, where children are encouraged to repeat what they have read to ensure they are able to comprehend the text.

From January, we will be introducing a Reading Reward Scheme across Reception and Key Stage 1, where children will collect reward certificates for the number of times they have read their phased reading book at home each week. This will need to be recorded and signed by an adult in their reading logs. Please refer to the reading rewards below:

Weekly stickers for children who have read 4 times in a week
Bronze award: 50 reads at home over the year - certificate and a bronze badge
Silver award: 100 reads at home over the year – certificate and a silver badge
Gold award: 150 reads at home over the year – certificate and a gold badge
Platinum award: 200 reads at home over the year - certificate, platinum badge and an enjoyable afternoon picnic with hot chocolate and cake/ice cream with head teacher at the end of the term/school year.

Your support with reading at home is essential and only by working together can we ensure your child achieves their potential as a reader. If you require any further guidance regarding reading, please ask your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Smart