



Inspiring a love of learning through
the bonds of family, faith and friendship.

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are coming to the end of the second half term of our Greedy Readers reading initiative and have taken the opportunity as a staff team to review this based upon our own experiences, pupil voice and parental feedback. We have been pleased to see the support and engagement from the majority of families in supporting our children to read regularly inspiring that enjoyment of reading. However, we recognise that there are some improvements that can be made and will implement these changes from September.

The expectation to read 4 times at home each week will remain in place and this must be recorded in the Home Learning Journals by a parent/carer. For years 4, 5 and 6 children, parents can sign the Home Learning Journals if the children want to write in it themselves. This also includes when a child reads something outside of school, including non-fiction, or shares a story with a family member.

EYFS and KS1 children are expected to spend 15 minutes reading/being read to, and KS2 children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes. Please remember that reading to your child(ren) is just as important as them reading to you. By hearing an adult read, children learn to develop their pace, expression and enjoy accessing texts which they might not be able to read by themselves. It is also an opportunity for you to talk to your child(ren) about your favourite childhood books, discuss their favourite characters, authors, genres and more importantly, see you valuing reading.

Instead of a display in the classroom a log of reading will be included in the back of your child's new Home Learning Journal. Each week your child will receive a sticker or a stamp when 4 reads have been achieved. We appreciate that, due to individual circumstances, 4 reads may not be achieved every week but wish to encourage a regular reading habit. Therefore, if children achieve 10 stamps or stickers across the term there will be a reward for these children at the end of the term organised by Mrs Wright as our school reading leader.

We always value your feedback and hope these changes will support our long term aim of increasing the enjoyment and engagement in reading across the school.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher