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# Folksworth C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Greedy Readers Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who successfully completed the Greedy Readers Challenge last half term. 44% of our children across the school read at least 4 times a week at home and recorded it in their Home Learning Journals. They enjoyed their extra playtime very much.

At Folksworth, we highly value the importance of reading and hope to motivate and encourage the children to want to read more regularly. Within school, and with the school council, we aim to eliminate some of the barriers that the children have identified. We will also be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge "Wild World Heroes" run by the Cambridgeshire Library Service. More details about this challenge will follow later this half term.

Reading is a fundamental life skill; we use our reading skills sometimes without knowing it. However, without reading for pleasure regularly, children can find accessing other curricular areas more challenging.

The Literacy Trust's latest key findings also indicate that:

- Children and young people's daily reading levels are the lowest we've ever recorded, with just 25.8% of children saying they read daily in their free time in 2019
- Based on reading skills data for 712 pupils aged 11 to 14, young people who enjoy reading are three times more likely to read above the level expected for their age than children who don't enjoy reading (30.1% vs 8.1%)

Many children have asked for the reading challenge to run again this half term so they can improve on their reading, which shows that our children do want to read. **This half term they will be working towards an 'afternoon tea' to celebrate their achievements.**

So as before, in each classroom there is a 'We Are Greedy Readers' display and each child has their own reading monster.

**Every week**, your child(ren) needs to read **at least 4 times at home** (this is 4 out of 7 days, not 4 times in one day). This **must** be recorded in their Home Learning Journals by a parent/carer. For years 5 and 6 children, parents can sign the Home Learning Journals if the children want to write in it themselves.

Reading journals will be checked regularly and if there is no reading logged from home, this will also be noted in the Home Learning Journal.

The class teacher and teaching assistant will monitor the Home Learning Journals and your child(ren) will move their reading monster up a level on the display each week, as long as the reading has been recorded in the Home Learning Journals.

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, they 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.

If you require any support with helping your child(ren) to read, please speak to their class teacher or visit:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbxby9q>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>

Yours Sincerely

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