

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support in helping the children practise their reading at home. As we are sure you are aware, the skill of reading underpins almost all aspects of the curriculum. It is therefore imperative that they are given as many opportunities as possible to practise this skill. The principal homework task for all our children in school is to try to read at home every night, including weekends; however we accept that five times a week is more attainable and it is for this that children receive their weekly sticker or reward. We strongly encourage and value your input. As you can see from the reverse, the greater and longer opportunities to read at home, the wider and greater the vocabulary your child will encounter and be able to use themselves!

To further encourage children to read at home, we will be introducing our school Reading Raffle for Reception to Year 6. Starting after Easter, any child who has read five times or more each week (and has these reads recorded in their reading records) will receive a 'ticket' from their teacher to write their name and class on. Once their slip is completed, children will go to the designated place in school where the reading raffle jars will be. Children will have the option to select from the range of reading prizes (six prizes across KS2, four prizes across KS1, two prizes for Reception) and next to each prize will be a large jar. The children can then put their slip into the jar corresponding to the prize they would like to win. Three times a year, raffles will be held in assemblies where one slip will be picked out of each jar. The person whose slip is chosen will win the corresponding prize. The more weeks that the children read five or more times, the more chances they will have to win their designated prize! We have a fantastic collection of prizes for the children to choose from including: fiction books, non-fiction books, picture books, novels and joke books!

We are aware that for some families this may be a difficult task to accommodate in an already busy schedule; however, we cannot stress strongly enough how important regular reading practise is in helping your child to achieve. Practise, even little and often will really support their learning.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Beasley, Mr Crook and Mrs Kenny

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day

3600 minutes in  
a school year

**1,800,000 words**



Student "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day

900 minutes in  
a school year

**282,000 words**



Student "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day

180 minutes in  
a school year

**8,000 words**

