



## Reading in Year 4

Dear parents/carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to share expectations regarding reading in Sycamore class. Reading is an essential life skill and needs to be practiced regularly for children to make progress. Please keep in mind that reading aloud is not the only element of a successful reader. Comprehension skills, such as inference and deduction, are vital, which again must be practiced and refined regularly.

Your child has a reading book which has been carefully matched to their reading ability. It is an expectation that the children will read their home reading book **EVERY** night and an adult's signature will be provided to ensure that the reading has taken place.

Please try to ensure that this is an enjoyable experience-reading for pleasure is extremely important-perhaps reading their book just before bed would be a good way to end the evening? I would advise that regular reading of 10-15 minutes takes place every night as much as possible. This will be monitored closely at school to ensure if any support is required, we are able to provide it in a timely fashion. Please note that if the children can't read on a certain night, they **WILL NOT** be reprimanded for this. I will incentivise the frequency of reading every night with treats and rewards.

Please also ensure that once the children have completed their reading book, the 'Challenge' activities are completed. These will take the form of book reviews, comprehension activities etc and is it vital that these be completed regularly. I would like one reading challenge per week to be completed in the English homework book. The book, with the challenges stuck into the front, will be given out every Friday and then collected in no later than the following Wednesday. Whilst I would like the children to choose their own challenges from the list provided, please could I request that you try to ensure that a range of challenges (rather than the same one over and over) are completed.

Another essential element of reading is word recognition and understanding of vocabulary. It is vital that your child can read **and knows the meaning** of as many different words as possible. The children encounter a wide and varied vocabulary at school and therefore need to be confident in understanding it and how they can use it themselves. When reading, if your child is unsure of a particular word or words, discuss the meaning, how it is used, if it can be used in multiple ways etc. This will support your child in developing a rich and varied vocabulary which will aid their understanding of language across all curriculum subjects and within different arenas in life.

If you have questions regarding reading, please don't hesitate to speak to me as soon as possible through the school office owing to the current situation.

Kind regards,

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