



## Reading at Home

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, RFPS are passionate about instilling a love of reading into every pupil. Our children currently bring home a colour-coded book suitable for their level of reading and a free choice book from their class library. After October half term, children learning phonics will also bring home a Read Write Inc. book in order to practice the sounds they have been learning in school.

### Reading for Pleasure.

Studies have shown that children who read for pleasure regularly not only have improved comprehension skills but they are able to develop a broader vocabulary to use when speaking, reading and writing. Reading for pleasure has also been linked to improving wellbeing and mental health.

### Rainbow Reading Challenge.

Because we see reading as such an important life skill, we celebrate all home reading with our "Rainbow Reading" reward system.

Children are awarded a certificate when they reach a set goal during our celebration assemblies. These certificates are issued when they reach 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 days of reading at home. Every time a child earns a certificate, their name will be placed into a prize draw which will take place at the end of the year. The winner will receive a book voucher.

In order for your child to be rewarded with their certificates, all we ask is for an adult to sign your child's reading diary to show when they have read at home. We acknowledge that some children are avid readers and will read several times a day so we only require one signature per day as we don't want to make this an onerous task. In addition to the reading books issued from school, we would also encourage children to read different books, magazines, instructions, leaflets or even audio books and these will be counted also.

Reading diaries will be checked on a weekly basis and signatures from the beginning of September will be counted.

As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support!

Happy reading 😊

*Mrs Colledge and Mrs Walker*



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