



Dear parent/carer,

As part of our drive to encourage children to read independently and for pleasure, staff are going to listen to children read frequently. To enable us to do this, **please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day.** This will give your child the opportunity to read and discuss the book they are familiar with, which will develop their fluency and comprehension skills.

**This arrangement will run alongside the Home Reading Challenge, so please continue to read with your child at home as often as possible.** Please record home reading on his/her reading record by dating and signing it. Should your child only read twice during one week, they can make this up by reading four times during the following week.

Every time your child reads three times in a week, they will be awarded five Dojo points by their class teacher. If your child **reads three times every week during a half term**, they will be entered into a class draw; the first draw will take place during the last week of half term. The winner will be able to choose a book as a prize.

We hope your child will enjoy these activities, so please support us as we strive to develop your child's love of reading. Please check our top tips for sharing reading sessions which are listed below.

Happy reading!

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## Top tips to help your child to enjoy reading

- Go to the library - it's free to join. There are books, audio books and magazines for children.
  - Make time to read after school or at bedtime; reading together for 10 minutes makes books special.
  - Be positive and praise your child for what they do.
  - Follow their interests and let them read and re-read their favourite books.
  - If English is not your first language, you can talk about picture books in any language or ask your library for dual language children's books.
  - Be a positive influence by reading books, newspapers and magazines of any language.
  - Encourage your child to choose their own books, comics and magazines as soon as they can.
  - Make a special place to keep your child's books; a book box or bookshelf shows that books are cared for.
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- Visit [www.wordsforlife.org.uk/](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/) for tips, book recommendations and free activities.

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