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## Reading At Home

Dear Parents/Carer,

Your child has had an assembly today about the importance of reading at home. They have been given a new reading record book and been introduced to a new set of reading certificates that they can attain if they read regularly with an adult at home.

If they are able to read 10 books they will receive a bronze certificate.

If they read 20 books they will receive a silver certificate.

If they read 30 books they will receive a gold certificate.

In order for a child to gain a certificate they must have their reading record signed by an adult to indicate that they have heard the book being read. They must also be able to talk about what they have read to their teacher.

We hope that you will encourage them to read and ask that you spend at least 10 minutes each day to allow them to share their book with you.

Why is reading at home so important?

- As reading skill develops in a child, so does the ability to do well in other subjects.
- It increases their vocabulary and helps their spelling.
- It helps them to write; they learn the language of story.
- It helps to develop their speaking and listening skills.
- It helps their concentration.
- It helps them to think ahead and solve problems.
- It lets them discover new and exciting worlds and lets their imagination run wild!
- Reading is fun!!!
- Reading is a great excuse to spend ten minutes of quality time with your child, simply looking at a book together.



The children have been given these rules to follow to help them become a better reader:

- You must try and read for at least ten minutes every day.
- You must take care of your reading record! You will not be given a new one and that means no certificate!
- You must read the book you take home. Your teacher and Ms D'Abreu will ask questions about the books you have read before you receive a certificate!
- Your Reading Record must be signed by an adult who has listened to you read it before it is counted towards receiving a certificate!

The children are very excited about this and we hope that this will encourage them to read a lot more and foster a love of books within them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Rachel Bates

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