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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we are giving out the new Reading Records for all of the children in the school.

We would be most grateful if you support us by doing the following:

- Ensure that your child reads between 15-20 minutes every day.
- Choose a book from our library, the class library, the Reading Trolleys or even one from somewhere else.
- Fill in any comments on how your child is getting on. This could involve writing down any key words that came up, or even any themes or characters that you discussed. We know you are very busy but we do ask that you sign and date the Reading Records at least once a week so we know that reading is taking place at home. Feel free to do more of course! Staff at school will be checking these Reading Records on a weekly basis so thank you in advance for your support.

Reading Awards.

Reception and KS1.

Each term, we give out special awards for English. In Reading, children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 get a special 'Reading Token' after ten reads and this token then gets put into a prize box where they have a chance to win a prize! A special assembly will take place at the end of term to celebrate this.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RECEPTION READING LOGS WILL GO OUT A LITTLE LATER (THE WEEK LEADING UP TO HALF TERM!) YOU CAN STILL LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN READ AND ENJOY BOOKS WITH THEM! WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING PARENT WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO SUPPORT YOU FURTHER WITH READ WRITE INC!

KS2.

In KS2, we use the AR system to promote the 'Love of Reading' and to engage the pupils into reading a range of different texts. AR, which stands for Accelerated Reader, is a program that assesses pupils' reading ages and then guides them towards age related texts that will challenge them appropriately. Once a pupil has finished a book, they can then complete a 'Reading Quiz' and if they achieve 100%, their name goes on a 'Lucky Book Token' where they then get entered into a draw to win prizes at the end of the term.

As well as these special reading awards, we will also be giving out termly English certificates for hard work, great writing and overall contributions in the subject.

Many thanks for your support and if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher or a member of the English Team via the office.

Kind regards,

The English Team.