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**Reading Expectations 2020 - 2021**

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Miss Lee wrote to you earlier during academic year outlining the importance of reading with your child at home. The primary curriculum places very high significance on reading within the primary stages. As a result of this, we feel that we need to raise our expectations of reading both at home and at school. Reading is an important skill for pupils to have in order to access all areas of the curriculum.

**ALL pupils will be expected to engage in reading at home DAILY and get their reading diaries signed at least 5 times a week by an adult, stating what they have read.** This is now a common expectation in many schools, and we feel that it is extremely important that children have daily opportunities both in school and at home to read aloud to an adult in order to improve their fluency and accuracy.

**Rewards**

Our main aim is for all children to develop a love of reading and this is celebrated in school in a very positive way. Diaries are checked every day, Monday to Friday inclusive, and the children receive a dojo if they have read at home and their diary has been signed. Teachers keep an ongoing daily record of the children who read at home. At the end of each week, the class teacher calculates the percentage of children in their class who have read every day (5 signatures). The class with the highest percentage overall at the end of each half term (one class from Reception/Key Stage 1 and one class from Key Stage 2) will receive an afternoon activity of their choice. This could be a film afternoon, sports, arts and crafts – the class will vote on this. This will take place in the last week of each half term. In addition to this, at the end of each term, the children who have read at least 5 days per week will receive an award.

**If pupils are not reading regularly**

As reading is a key priority at St Wilfrid's and our expectations are very clear, if children are not reading daily and having their diary signed, then a letter will be given by the class teacher to parents, reminding them of the expectations and to ask them if further support is needed. To enable the children to catch up with their reading, they may be asked to stay in for part of their break times to read in class. If there is still no improvement with the daily reading and diaries are still not being signed, then Miss Lee will contact you so that we can discuss the reasons as to why reading isn't taking place and support you further with this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any further questions regarding this.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. R Forrester

Assistant Principal and English Leader

