



# Edgewood Primary School

## Building skills and values for life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all we would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for your efforts and support with listening to your children read at home. Reading continues to be one of our key priorities and school, with children reading to adults regularly in school to complement the support you give at home.

The expectation is that all children should read at home **at least 4 times per week**. Just 5 or 10 minutes a day makes a big difference to your child's education and is probably the most valuable way you can support your child's learning at home. Your child's reading book will be changed on a weekly basis and on a set day.

Helpful tips when reading at home

- Choose a time which suits both you and your child (avoid times when your child is tired)
- Praise your child for their efforts
- Use a quiet space with no distractions – please turn devices including TV and music off
- Discuss any new and unusual words with your child
- Read the helpful hints in your child's reading diary
- Record that you have read.

**Reading diaries will be checked each week for four reads** so we can check any comments you may have made, and to see how regularly children are reading at home. At the end of each half term, those children who have read 4 times per week will be rewarded with a small treat. So far this year this has been an extra playtime with a snack and a Christmas film with popcorn. This half term the planned reward is a laptop afternoon with games.

We understand that life can be very busy, and if you forget to comment in your child's reading diary to confirm that they have been reading at home, then don't worry – **just pop a note on Seesaw or let your child's class teacher verbally** (at the end of the day or at the gate in the morning) know they have read 4 times that week! We wouldn't want any children to be missing out and not being rewarded for their efforts.

We have also set up a reading buddy system in Key Stage 1 where children will occasionally read to a peer during the week as an extra opportunity to practise their reading. They may even write a comment in their buddy's reading diary – so don't worry if you see a child's writing appear!

Also, please remember that anything counts as reading – if your child has enjoyed a magazine, read a menu, read the shopping list, or even any road signs on your journey to school – please log this in their

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diary or let us know! Any form of reading can be logged – it does not just have to be their school reading books.

Once again, thanks for your ongoing support.

The Key Stage One Team