



Ecclesbourne Primary School

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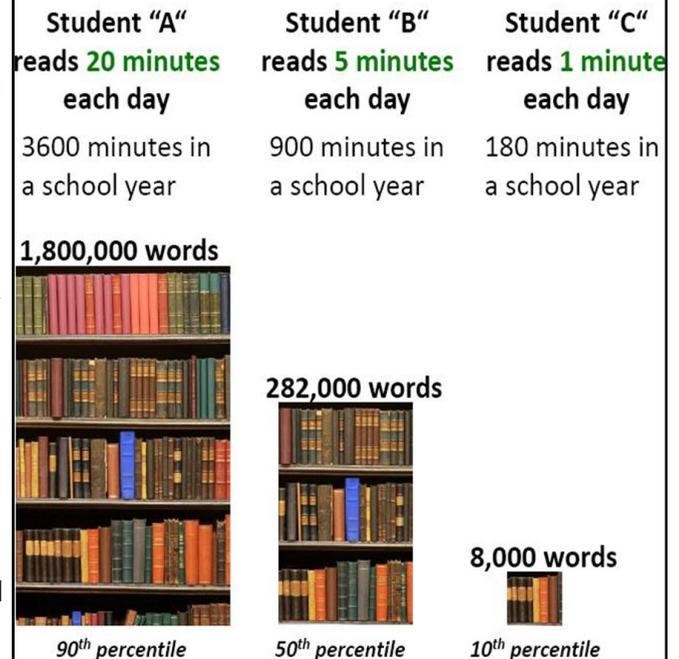
Dear Parents and Carers,

As I made my way home the other day, I saw that the Christmas lights were being turned on in Croydon and although it seems as if we've only just started the year, the festive season will soon be upon us. Alongside all their normal curriculum studies, the children and staff are already thinking about our winter productions, warming their voices and polishing their acting skills. These productions get more popular every year so I'm eager to see what we have in store this year.

Reading at home I know that sometimes, in the evenings, it can be difficult to find the time to listen to your child read or to encourage them to read alone but I recently saw some interesting statistics that show just how important it is for children to read for twenty minutes every single day. If children start to read for twenty minutes a day in Reception, by Year 6 they will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days compared with 3 days for those who read for 1 minute a day. Reading makes children better writers and better communicators which leads to success in later life.

Trips and Visits The children have been so busy this week that we've hardly had time to pause for breath. Everyday this week, we've had children out on trips to support their learning. Our Year 2 classes have been to London to visit The Monument in connection with their work on The Great Fire of London. They managed to climb to the top all the way up 311 steps. On Wednesday, our Year 1 classes visited Selhurst Park Stadium as part of their local studies work. They even had to walk all the way there and back! Finally, our Reception children have been to Build-A-Bear in Croydon to make their class bears. These trips are invaluable for the children but they do present a great deal of extra work for the staff involved so I would just like to say thank you to them for their hard work in ensuring the children have a safe, enjoyable and educational trip. I would also like to thank the many parents who helped out as without them we wouldn't be able to run as many trips as we do.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



Winter Productions As ever, we will have a Key Stage One and Key stage Two production and work has already started in class on learning songs and auditioning for parts. This year KS1 are performing a nativity called 'A Midwife Crisis' and KS2 will be performing 'The Peace Child'. Please make a note of the dates below and look out for future letters with ticketing details so that you don't miss out.

Other events in the coming weeks

Friday 27th November Venus class assembly 11:00am prompt

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December Key Stage Two Winter production— details to follow

Friday 11th December Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15th December 1:45pm Key Stage One Nativity

Wednesday 16th December 9:15am Key Stage One Nativity

Friday 18th December Last day of term

Monday 4th January INSET day - school closed

Tuesday 5th January Return to school

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