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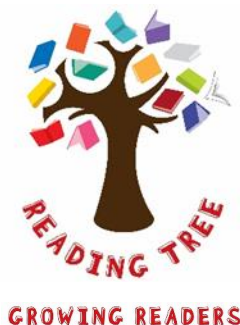
CYPRESS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Cypress Primary – new reading rewards

Dear Cypress families,

Welcome to our new reading rewards at Cypress! We are replacing our Accelerated Reading rewards with our beautiful new Reading Tree. If you look carefully at our logo you can see all the book band colours that form our structured reading progress throughout the school. Our tag line is 'Growing Readers' as that is what we endeavour to do, with your support, throughout the children's time at Cypress.

Daily Reading Targets

Previously we rewarded the children based on the amount of books they had read. We reflected that for some our most able readers, who are reading longer chapter books, that this was becoming an impossibility! We are moving instead to rewards based on time spent reading, as follows:

Reception - 10 minutes a day

KS1 - 15 minutes a day

KS2 - 20 minutes a day

If you look at the research based infographic on the next page, building up to 20 minutes of daily reading has a massive impact on children's reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension over their school career. In Reading Diaries, we will not add up the amount of books read but the number of entries into the Reading Diary.

Reading Diary entries

Lower school: We would expect to see at least 5 sessions of reading over the course of a week recorded in the Reading Diary. Due to the age of the children, we would expect an adult to complete this, recording the title of the book read, which pages (if a longer book) and any comments about the reading shared together and/or your child reading independently. New vocabulary can be recorded, too. We encourage all reading to be recorded, including books at home, comics and magazines and e-books such as 'Bug Club'.

Upper school: We would expect to see at least 5 sessions of reading over the course of a week recorded in the Reading Diary. Please remember that KS2 children should still read aloud to parents and carers regularly so that the reading can be discussed. The majority of children are able to independently record the title of the book, pages read and any comments about what they have read. New vocabulary can be recorded, too.

Individual reading rewards

Reception: 'Bedtime Book Bag' with books to share and a special teddy to read to will go home to 3 children per class per week.

KS1/KS2: Specially designed bookmarks will be awarded to daily regular readers each term, with children aiming to collect the entire set. All bookmark winners will be entered into the Reading Tree Book Raffle with a chance to win a brand new book!

Class reading rewards

KS1: The class in each year group with the most daily readers over the term will win a 'Bedtime Pyjama Book' session.

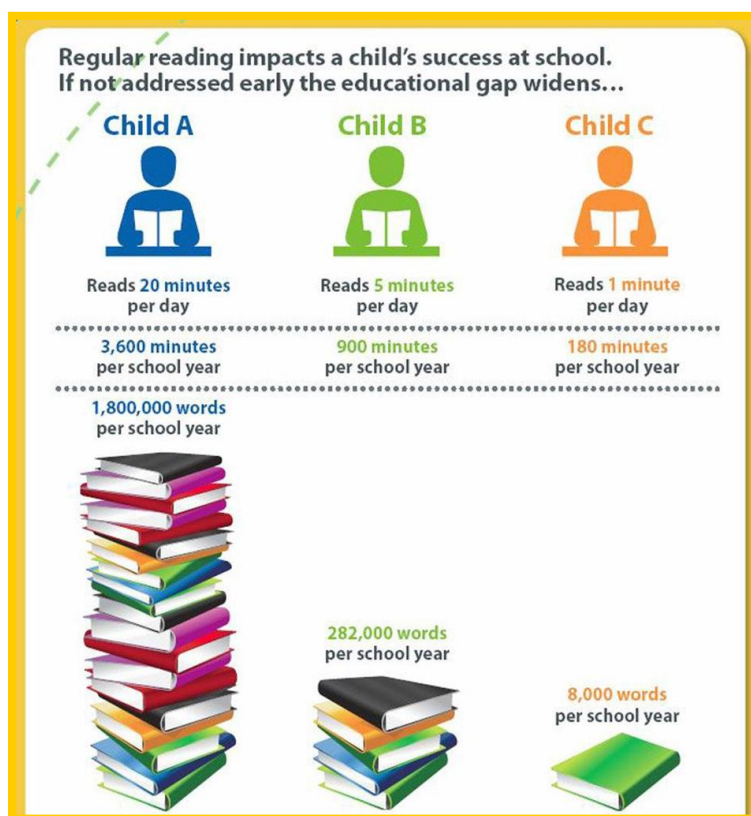
KS2: The class in each year group with the most daily readers over the term will win a 'Reading Café' session.

Please ensure Reading Diaries come to school every day. Teaching staff will view and comment on Reading Diaries at least once a week and daily reading will be recorded on a class chart.

We are really excited to launch our new reading rewards and to reward reading with all things reading related. We hope that our new rewards will support our children and families to establish the importance and enjoyment of daily reading. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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