

KEELBY PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Reading at Keelby Primary Academy



This term it is our aim to develop a greater love of reading amongst our pupils. We want to shift the emphasis away from 'reading to get a challenge reward at the end of term'.

Research shows children benefit greatly from reading for pleasure and the more widely they read at primary age the greater their academic opportunities in the future.

At Keelby Primary Academy, children are provided with a range of reading experiences i.e. as part of the curriculum; guided reading; whole class sharing a book; being read to; reading with peers; individual reading and the opportunity to choose to read during break-time and lunch-times. We would like all children to enhance this by reading at home in their own time.

This term our whole school theme is 'Journeys' and our reading challenge for all children is to 'read around the world'. Children in KS1 and KS2 are expected to read five times per week. There will be a set day in each class when reading records are taken in to be checked. If children have completed five reads over the previous week they will be rewarded with a DoJo for reading. When they reach 10 reads they can move their flag across a continent on the *world map. If a child forgets to bring their reading record to school, or hasn't recorded their reads, they will be asked to stay in at lunch on that day to read. (*KS2 map is in the shared learning area and FS/KS1 maps are in classrooms).

We would like all children from Y2 – Y6 to start to write in their own reading record and take greater ownership of recording what they have read. In FS and Y1, parents can write a comment when they have heard them read. If a child reads to an adult at school this will be recorded in their reading record and be counted as a read. Children can also do multiple reads on one day if they choose to – hence the importance of having reading record books in school every day.

There will no longer be a whole school Reading Challenge reward; the challenge this term is for individuals to complete their reads each week and to travel the world. Children will receive a certificate on completing the expected 50 reads which will enable them to travel five continents of the world. Children who extend the challenge and travel all seven continents by doing 70 reads will receive an extra reward.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cowling