

Homework –

Friday 21st January 2022



Miss Hall



Dear Parent/Carer

I have really enjoyed having children come up to me this week to say that they have read 100 times since September and that they would like to receive their ‘**100 Reads**’ certificate. I think that one of the reasons I love it is that both my own children have been so proud to receive their certificates from their own school and I know how much it has meant to them. Do let us know if you think your child has read 100+ times since September so that no one misses out.

I can vividly remember the first lockdown and trying to work with my Reuben, who was then in Nursery. He knew one or two letter sounds and that was it; less than two years later, he can read! And this is not because we spent ages teaching him to read: we definitely didn’t want to ‘hot-house’ him, we just let him get on with it... What we did though, was to read every day (probably including Christmas day!) either us reading to him or him reading to us. Reading with him every day gave him the confidence to become a good reader – so now he is off the phonics reading scheme at his school as he is so good (proud parents.)

Jude, on the other hand, **does not like reading** so it often isn’t a pleasure listening to him. We have had some really horrid occasions where he has fought against reading by going slow, reading in a tiny voice or just crying. He loves **us** to read to **him**, but it is a pain trying to get him to read – despite the fact that **he reads well** - so quite often we will say something like, “Get your reading done and then you can get back to your iPad/Switch/television,” and so on to persuade him that it is worth his while (it usually works.)

What I am trying to say is that **I KNOW** that reading with children isn’t the easiest thing in the world, but I also know that regular reading – five or six times a week – does wonders for their ability to decode and to read. And I am sure that we would all agree that there is nothing more wonderful in the world than to see a child lost in a book. Reading opens up every possibility for a child – it makes all aspects of learning that much easier, and it does mean that they can self-teach when they come to reading instructions, for example – and things like directions.

Some of our KS2 children read massive books like the Harry Potter series... these children cannot fail to do brilliantly in education because they can help themselves to learn through reading; it is the number one skill. Please help them to enjoy the gift of reading. Please help them to be Reading Champions and to earn a special purple Reading Champion sweatshirt or cardigan, but also help them to help themselves throughout life.

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child’s medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.