



Joy Lane Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers of Pupils in Year 2

Year 2 Reading Reward Scheme



Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

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Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

We are excited to launch our Year 2 reading reward scheme. It is an opportunity to make children fall back in love with books - especially as we now have such a great range of brand new books in school. The Reading Reward Scheme will also celebrate the hard work of children who read regularly.

It is our aim that children foster a love of books and take pleasure in their reading. That's because we know, from research and first-hand experience, that children who read for pleasure do significantly better at school than those who don't. Of course, we want the best for all of our children! As we are trying to instil a love of reading and build up the children's reading stamina in preparation for the KS1 SATs, Year 2 are trialling this scheme before other year groups.

During the school day teachers make sure that reading is a big part of your child's day and we will continue to do this. Every child will take part in a guided reading 'book talk' style session with their class teacher, responding to books in a fun and thoughtful way. They will enjoy independent reading, be heard on a one-to-one basis, be trained in comprehension skills and enjoy being read to by adults.

However, we need your help to make sure our children reach their reading potential. That is why children in Year 2 are being asked to make sure they have at least three comments in their reading diary from a parent or carer each week. Ideally we would like children to read to an adult at home five times a week. We will continue to check your child's reading diary daily and if we can see a record of the date, title of the book and a signature we will record this on their reading reward bookmark. At the end of each week, we will collect in the bookmarks and issue the children with a new bookmark.

We are also sending home a reading target bookmark. This will list a number of things we would like your child to be able to do confidently in their reading, such as read with expression or re-tell the story.

It would be really helpful if you could add a comment in the reading diary from time-to-time to let us know how your child is getting on with these targets.

- If a child has achieved three reads a week for ten weeks, they will be awarded their bronze reading award. They will receive a pencil and a bookmark.
- If a child has achieved five reads a week for ten weeks, they will be awarded their silver reading award. They will receive a certificate of achievement and a medal.
- For those children who are avid book readers, we would like to invite them to aim for the gold reading award. They will be asked to read six books, each a particular type of book. They will also be asked to complete an activity about each book that they read. Children who do this successfully will be awarded their gold reading award and will receive a certificate of achievement and a very special reward. If your child is interested in going for gold, please ask their teacher for more details.

It is thanks to the support of the Friends of Joy Lane that we can offer the children fantastic rewards for all their hard work.

Yours sincerely

Ms D J Hines

Executive Headteacher

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