

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all of your ongoing support with the children's reading at home. At St Paul's we want to continue to promote a pleasure for reading which is why we introduced a NEW reading incentive in the Autumn term.

In the school hall we have created our 'Reading Mission' display. On this display we have our special reading monsters who live on their own planets. Each monster is a reading milestone with a brilliant prize for any child who achieves a certain amount of 'reads' at home. The first reading monster is 25 reads at home and this progresses all the way up to 500 reads at home. When your child reaches 25 reads they can then put a photo of themselves onto the display. The more they read at home, the further they will go across the display and the more prizes they will win! Each time your child reaches a new reading planet they will also receive a lovely certificate to take home and share with you.

In order for your child to achieve this, they must read at home. As a school we are also changing our expectations on the amount of reading completed at home.

Going forward, **we now expect each child to try and read everyday.**

This reading should be noted in your child's reading record and adults in your child's class will check the reading records daily. **We will be counting up to two reads per day towards your child's overall reading total.** Please ensure your child's reading record and books are kept in the provided plastic wallet and this comes into school everyday.

As a school, we would really appreciate if you could support your child at home with their reading. Children will be provided with 2 books on a weekly basis:

- Your child will receive a 'Book Bag Book' which is matched to their current phonics level every Monday and this should be returned the following Thursday. (If your child has completed the Phonics scheme and is now in the Guided Reading group, they will instead take home a stage 11, 12, 13 or 14 book depending on their reading ability)
- They will also take home a book of their own choice which they can read for pleasure.

If you have any questions about our new reading incentive or reading at St Paul's, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Aldridge or myself.

Thank you for all of your support.

Miss Kilvington

(English lead at St Paul's)