



St. Mary's CE VA Primary School

Lighthouse Federation Reading Karate Scheme

We would really appreciate your support with our Reading Karate Scheme. This is an exciting incentive to encourage the children to read at home every day - which is our federation reading target. It is important that the majority of the time a read is sharing a book together but reading a recipe together, a newspaper article or magazine etc are all fantastic texts to share.

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Likewise, evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

Irrespective of whether your child is only just beginning to learn to read or whether they are fluent, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books

On a regular basis, Teachers will check to see who has read at home or, for the youngest members of the school, who has shared a book with their family. Numbers of reads are totalled up and children who have achieved different numbers of reads are awarded with reading badges of different colours as they go through the system. The first badge is white for a total of 30 reads at home. We are striving to encourage one read a day at home. Although they will be heard over the course of a week on an individual basis and during guided reading, it is the read at home that is counted for this scheme.

We would be very grateful for your support in making this successful so that all our children will be enthused to become confident readers, reading for pleasure every day.

We will make sure we continue the reads from where the children finished last year and the certificates and badges will be awarded soon.

Good luck everyone!



Lighthouse Federation Reading Karate Expectations

<p><u>Foundation Stage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing a book with an adult at home counts as a read. This could be your school reading book, library book or a bedtime story.• An adult must sign your reading record.• Only one read per day counts.	<p><u>Year 1 and 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing a book with an adult at home for 10 minutes or more counts as a read. This could be your school reading book, library book or a book from home.• An adult must sign your reading record book.• Only one read per day counts.
<p><u>Year 3 and 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing a book with an adult at home for at least 15 minutes counts as a read. This could be your school reading book, library book or a book from home.• An adult must sign your reading record book.• Only one read per day counts.• If you are a free reader, you can read to yourself but an adult must sign for it to count as a read.	<p><u>Years 5 and 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing a book with an adult at home or reading to yourself for at least 20 minutes counts as a read. You could read your school reading book, library book or a book from home.• Remember to write a comment about what you have just read.• An adult must sign your reading record book.• Only one read per day counts.