

Friday 10th September 2021

Read Every Day – The RED Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Carers,

At The Vaynor First School we take reading very seriously we value your support by reading with your child regularly as it opens up the whole of the school curriculum for them at home. Reading not only develops your child's love of books and their reading fluency, but how it also significantly impacts on their life-long writing skills through the improvement in their understanding and use of a breadth of vocabulary. This is therefore at the heart of our teaching approaches in school.

Our whole school reading reward scheme is called **RED** Reading. **RED** Reading stands for 'Reading Every Day' and we are aiming to encourage all of our children to read for a period of time out of school with you every day.

To take part in the **RED** challenge, children need to read at home for **five times every week including weekends**, for a minimum of 10 minutes. Each time they read at home; an adult should sign their home reading record. The children are encouraged to read a range of materials – not just their home reading book.

As of **Monday 13th September**, Year 1-4 children will have their new school reading book to take home and new reading record so you can begin sharing reading and stories with your child at home.

As a result of our continued health and safety procedures in place at school, we would like to inform you how home reading will be organised this year for the foreseeable future.

Due to the need to quarantine books that are being sent home for 72 hours before being able to reallocate them, reading books will be changed once during each week.

There will be a designated day for your child to take home a reading book from school (MONDAYS) and a designated day to return their reading book back into school (THURSDAYS). All reading books returned on a Thursday will then be left in quarantine for 72 hours before they are redistributed back into reading areas around the school on a Monday.

The **RED** challenge

RED = Read **E**very **D**ay

When you read at home, make sure someone signs your Reading Record.

When you earn five signatures in a week (including the weekend), you will receive a **RED** sticker in your home record and on your class chart.

Six consecutive stickers on your class reading chart will earn you a certificate!

If you manage to earn a sticker **EVERY** consecutive week this year you will be rewarded with a reading trophy at the end of the year!
YOU HAVE TO HAVE EVERY SINGLE STICKER TO ACHIEVE THIS.

Are you up for the **RED** challenge?

We have put the following into place:

Week beginning 6th September – your child will read 1:1 with their class teacher to determine which colour band they are operating within. This will ensure their home reading book is pitched at the correct level.

Monday 13th September – your child will be allowed to choose 1 book to take home and they will also be given their home reading record on this day.

Thursday 16th September – all reading books which need to be exchanged must be returned on a Thursday only. The children WILL NOT take home a new book on a Thursday.

Each Monday commencing Monday 20th September – A new reading book will be allocated to the children to take home. The children will need to bring their home reading record with a minimum of 5 signatures and clearly dated. These records will be checked by the class teacher and they will count the number of signatures and, if your child has read for 5 days at home, they will be awarded with a sticker in their Reading Record and on a Class Reading Chart. House Points will be awarded to classes who have read the most to reflect the number of children who are reading every day.

If a child forgets their home reading book on a Monday, they will not be permitted to bring it in until the following Monday when they will be awarded any red stickers gained.

RED challenge rewards:

Once the children have earned six consecutive stickers, they will be rewarded with a certificate to celebrate the commitment these children have made to reading every day for a whole half term. Children who do not manage to earn consecutive stickers will be awarded a certificate when they collect six stickers. At the end of the year all children who have earned their sticker for EVERY consecutive week will be awarded a trophy.

We really hope that this will encourage everyone to read as much as you can out of school. So – are you up for the **RED** challenge?

We look forward to keeping you up to date with the progress of our children working towards the **RED** challenge. Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation.



Frequently Asked Questions about the RED Challenge



Do I need to write a comment as well as sign my child's Reading Record?

A signature is more than fine, a comment even better and both would be fantastic! ☺

How long do children have to earn their sticker?

Children have a whole week to earn five stickers from Monday to the Sunday.

When do the children get their sticker?

Stickers are given out on Mondays. These will go in your child's Reading Record and on a Class Record Sheet.

My child prefers to read in their head when they read now, does that still count?

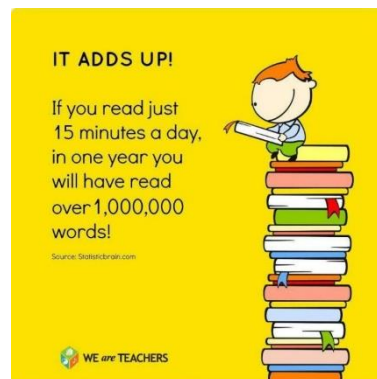
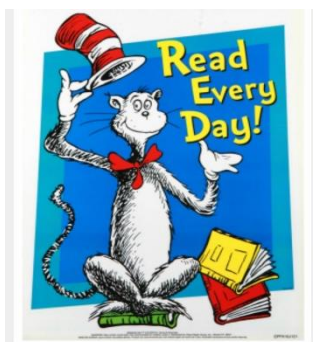
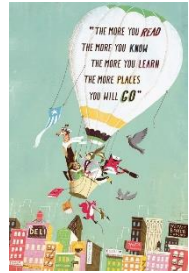
Yes. If your child has read at home, please sign their Reading Record to reflect this. Try to ask them questions about what they have read to check their knowledge of the text and to show you that they have read with understanding.

Does my child need a new book each time they have read?

No, it is fine to share books more than once – repetition helps to build their confidence.

Can my child read books that we have at home or can it only be schoolbooks?

Children are encouraged to read a wide range of materials which could also include newspapers, magazines and their own books in addition to those that they bring home from school. **There is also a range of online links for reading which can be accessed via the school's website.**



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