



Reading with your Child

Learning to read is one of the hardest things your child has to achieve at school. Many of you may have taken up a new hobby or skill in adult life and appreciate how important it is to regularly practise what you are learning. Someone can't wake up one day and decide to run a marathon - they have to go out day in and day out to practise.

We follow the Literacy Strategy so children read, at least, once each week in a group and we ask that they then re-read the book at home with you. Furthermore, the classrooms and library have wonderful books that they can choose to take home to read.

As part of our Homework Policy children should read for 10 minutes each night. To encourage them to practise we are introducing a '**5 times a week**' certificate to every child who does exactly that - awarded half termly.

Please find time to support your child, a quiet 10 minutes with no distractions when they can focus on their book. If they have read their 'group' book to you feel free to read another book. Staff at school will help them to choose suitable books for their level. For the children to earn a certificate they will need to have their diary signed and dated 5 times during the week. Don't feel that you have to write a comment each time.

What they need is to practise 'little and often'. Please help your child.

2008 is the year of reading - go into www.yearofreading.org.uk for further information.