

Dear Parent /Carer

Homework

Reading

During Year 1 your child will be expected to read with someone at home **at least** 4 times per week and have this recorded in their reading record. Please use their school reading book but also feel free to read books from your home collection as well. It is so important that a child develops a love of reading from an early age. You may find your child is beginning to have a go at reading print in their environment for example; signs, captions, labels and even menus! Please encourage this and record it in your child's reading record. This is checked every Monday by the class Teaching Assistant and the numbers of reads are recorded. Your child will be awarded Reading Certificates based on the number of reads they have achieved which are presented in our whole school celebration assembly.

40 reads - Bronze Certificate

80 reads - Silver Certificate

120 reads - Gold Certificate

160 reads - Star Certificate

200 reads - Head teacher's Award

240 + reads - Governor's Award

Spellings

Spellings will be given on a fortnightly basis and your child will be tested on these on a Monday. There are a number of ways that you can practise these with your children e.g.

Write out your spellings using rainbow colours

Use paint or chalk to practise spellings

Use the look, cover, say then write method

Try to spot your spellings in a book

Make a hopscotch board outside with chalk. Write letters instead of numbers and HOP your words!