



Holme on Spalding Moor Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As a school we want your children to become happy, confident readers who develop a passion for books. We want them to choose to read for pleasure as well as a way to find out about new things.

In order to do this in school, we encourage the children to read independently, in groups and as a whole class regularly. We promote reading not only in literacy and phonics sessions but across the entire curriculum.

As the children get older the teaching of reading shifts from the de-coding of new and unfamiliar words to understanding how and why authors select specific words; how they develop characters, setting and plot and why they present a text in a particular way. This is by no means an exhaustive list of what the reading curriculum expects the children to be able to do by the end of their year group.

In order for your child to achieve their potential in reading, and indeed develop a love of reading, we ask for your continued support at home. Therefore we are initiating a new challenge for you and your child. We would like to strive for each and every child, from Year 1 to Year 6, to be listened to at least three times a week at home. Using their individual reading records, we would like you as parent, grandparent, carer or even older sibling to sign and make comment upon their reading. The children will then be awarded with a sticker and 3 merit points per week.

As a school we are more than aware of the challenges faced by most families to find time in their busy schedules, but a shared moment between your child reading and an interested listener can only be a positive and welcomed calm five minutes!

We thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Youd
KS2 Literacy Leader

