

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all settled back into a routine at Marshland Primary Academy and are now back working hard and learning lots!

However, during the most recent lockdown, we all know that routines have changed and we are keen to refresh some of the things we used to do really well. One of these things, is the good habits children had with reading at home to an adult so we would like to run a short, 10 day challenge to encourage home reading one again. The more children read – the better they become!



Your child will have two books in their book bag. The first one is a 'reading' book and will either be linked to the phonics they are learning or will have a colour band on. This is for them to practise the skill of reading. They will also have a book from the library, which is a book they have chosen to enjoy. After all, we not only want our children to be great readers by the time they leave us, we want them to have a love of books and to continue reading forever!

The challenge asks the children to read to an adult (preferable) or an older sibling for 15 minutes over the next 10 days and this does include Saturday and Sunday.

At the end of the ten days, children who have completed the required number of reads will have a surprise treat. Alongside the treat, the child's name will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a £20 shopping voucher to be drawn on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Challenge Rules:**

- Children must read to an adult or older sibling for 15 minutes on the days in the shown in the booklet; the adult or older sibling must then sign their reading challenge booklet.
- At the end of the 10 days, children with completed signed reads in their reading booklet will be given a surprise Easter treat and their name will be entered into the prize draw for the chance to win a £20 shopping voucher.
- Parents/carers - please only sign the challenge booklet if your child has read to you or an older sibling.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we aim to continue and build on the love and passion for reading at Marshland Primary Academy.

Happy Reading!

Miss Gemma Hicking

Reading co-ordinator