

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

As you will be aware, the more children read – the better they become! Reading is a great habit and a skill for life. At Marshland, we encourage our children to read anything and everything! Did you know? If a child reads 10 minutes a day, it equates to over 60 hours a year! Also, they will have read approximately a million words that year!

Your child will have two books from school. The first one is a 'reading' book and will either be linked to the phonics they are learning or will likely 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 10 minutes over the next 7 days and this does include Saturday and Sunday. Children can read their school books or books you have at home.

At the end of the 7 days, children who have completed the required number of reads will receive 30 dojos and a surprise treat. Alongside the treat, the child's name will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win an extra 100 dojos!

#### Challenge Rules:

- Children must read to an adult or older sibling for 10 minutes on the days shown in the booklet; the adult or older sibling must then sign their reading challenge booklet.
- **At the end of the 7 days**, children with completed signed reads in their reading booklet will be given a surprise treat and their name will be entered into the prize draw for the chance to win a **100 extra dojos!**
- 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!

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