

The best way to get better at something is to practise, which is why we encourage our children to read at home as often as possible. We really want every child to leave our school as a confident reader which is why we are introducing our 'Reading Taekwondo' system, which is an exciting and rewarding way to get children to read at home as much as possible. We will begin Reading Taekwondo at the beginning of term 2, after the half term.

What is Reading Taekwondo?

This is a rewards-based system for reading at home, which results in children moving up coloured belts. Every Friday we will be checking reading records to total up the number of reads. If they have accumulated enough reads to earn their next belt they will be given that colour sticker to stick in the reading record and also will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book voucher at the end of each term.

The Taekwondo belts:

Coloured belt	Number of reads
White belt	15 reads
White belt, yellow stripe 	30 reads
Yellow belt 	50 reads
Yellow belt, green stripe 	75 reads
Green belt 	100 reads
Green belt, blue stripe 	125 reads
Blue belt 	150 reads
Blue belt, red stripe 	175 reads
Red belt 	200 reads
Red belt, black stripe 	225 reads
Black belt 	250 reads
Bronze medal 	300 reads
Silver medal 	350 reads
Gold medal 	400 reads.

The Taekwondo Reading Rules:

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- Sharing a book with an adult at home counts as a read. This could be a library book or listening to a bedtime story.
- Practising your phonics book counts as another read.
- An adult must sign your reading record and say what you have done.

Year 1 and 2

- Sharing a book with an adult at home for 10 minutes or more counts as a read. This could be your school reading book, library book or a book from home.
- Practising your phonics book, or reading scheme book counts as another read (this can be read more than once to help build memory and fluency).
- An adult must sign your reading record book and say what you have done.
- If you read lots of times on one day, only one counts.

Year 3 and 4

- Reading a book with an adult at home for at least 15 minutes counts as a read. This could be your school reading book, library book or a book from home.
- An adult needs to make a note of about what has happened in the pages you have read in your reading record and then sign it.
- If you are on AR, you can read to yourself but you must write a sentence about what has happened and an adult must sign for it to count as a read.
- Taking a quiz on your correct level and passing a quiz at 80% counts as a 2 read bonus.
- If you read lots of times on the same day, only one will count.

Year 5 and 6

- Reading a book with an adult at home or reading to yourself for at least 20 minutes counts as a read. You could read your school reading book, library book or a book from home.
- You need to write a sentence about what you have just read, to show what it was about in a nutshell.
- And then an adult must sign your reading record book.
- Taking a quiz on your correct level and passing at 80% also counts as a 2 read bonus.
- Reading an author/ book from your reading passport also gives you a 2 read bonus.