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READING DIARIES AT ECCLESFIELD PRIMARY

Dear Families,

As we start the new school year at Ecclesfield Primary School, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of regular reading at home and how our reading diaries can support your child's progress. Reading regularly helps children develop their vocabulary, comprehension and confidence. Alongside this, sharing stories together creates a positive attitude towards reading and learning.

We are excited to re-launch our reading diaries this year as part of our commitment to celebrating reading at home. Reading diaries are a wonderful way to track your child's reading journey and create a positive dialogue between home and school. By working together, we can help every child develop a love of reading that will benefit them throughout their lives. We want to make reading at home an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone, and our reading diary system is designed to recognise and celebrate the effort families put into supporting their children's literacy development.

Reading Diaries – How They Work

- This week, each will be given a reading diary and reading books to bring home.
- Please encourage your child to read every day and record this in the diary.
Example: 3.9.26, Read pages 1-8 of "The Magic Tree House". Discussed new words.
- Reading diaries and books must be brought to school **every day**.
- Staff will check diaries each **Friday** (they will be ticked and initialed).
- Children will receive **2 dojo points** for every read recorded at home.
- We will celebrate "Star Readers of the Half Term" – recognising those who show consistent effort and enthusiasm for reading.

Lost or Damaged Diaries

- If a diary is lost or damaged, a replacement can be purchased for £1.00 using the **ParentyPay** offer entitled "**Reading Diary Replacement**".



Next Steps for Parents/Carers

- **Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day.**
- Support your child by listening to them read and discussing the text they are reading. Consider who they would recommend the book too once they have finished reading it.
- Record each reading session in the diary.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a lifelong love of reading. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

The English Team

