



## Dear Parents/Persons with parental responsibility

At Pertont Primary Academy, we want to encourage your child to foster a life-long love of reading; not just as a necessity, but for enjoyment too. As well as reading in class with the teacher, we expect your child to read regularly at home.

At Pertont Primary Academy, we strive for each child to read at home, five times a week. They will still be given a maximum of two school books each week, which they will continue to change on the days set by the class teacher. As well as reading their school books, they may add to their reading by:

- Reading a Pertont library book (or other library)
- Accessing Oxford Owl Ebooks
- Reading one of their own books
- Reading leaflets from days out/holidays
- Reading maps
- Reading cookery books
- Reading on an Ipad, Kindle, laptop, etc
- Reading shopping lists, cereal boxes, food ingredients

### **What do you need to do?**

1. Read with your child five times a week, even if it's one page, paragraph, etc. Two school books may last, if you spread them out over the week. If not, see the list above for other reading ideas.
2. Try to aim for at least 10 minutes.
3. Question your child's understanding of what they have read.
4. Give details, in their reading diary, of what they have read (no matter what they've read), and either make a comment or initial to show you've listened to them - our new reading records have 5 spaces each week so it is clear and easy to see.
5. Children to bring their books in their bags daily so that their teacher can listen, too.

### **What does your child need to do?**

1. Read five times a week.
2. Hand their reading diary in each week (day set by teacher), and tick their name off the class list to indicate that they've read (**reading diary must have parent/carer's initials**).
3. Change their home reading book on the days their teacher has told them to.
4. Read other material - not just school books.

### **What will we do?**

1. We will read aloud to our class, each day.
2. We will discuss books and authors we are familiar with, but also expose them to ones they might not have discovered otherwise.

3. We shall provide your child with plenty of opportunities to read for pleasure, and will make sure they know how to select books from our school library.
4. We will make sure your child knows which days to change their home reading book, and will remind them to do so.
5. We will remind them to tick the class list if they've read at home and reward a Home Reading Dojo when their **diary has been signed.**
6. We will check and sign their reading diaries. This means we will be able to see if they read five nights of the previous week.

### **Rewards for reading**

Each classroom will display a class chart. Every time the children have read 5 times that week they will be able to tick their name off on the chart and receive a Dojo point. All entries in the diary **need to be signed by an adult and dated.** These will be checked each week by the class teacher. At the end of each half term, **all** the children in the class who have read 5 times **every week** will participate in a VIP (Very Inspiring Pupil) morning at school. The activities will vary each half term depending on the weather. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

We hope you will continue to support your child, and us, at this crucial time in their lives. With the requirements in the National Curriculum being raised much higher than they've ever been, learning to read and reading for life has never been so important.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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