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Reading at home

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Newtown CofE Primary School, we are passionate about fostering a love of reading and helping every child become a confident, fluent reader. Reading regularly at home is one of the most effective ways to support your child's progress in school. It not only improves reading fluency and comprehension but also develops vocabulary, imagination, and confidence across all areas of learning.

To ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed, we expect all children to read at home at least **five times each week**. These reading sessions only need to be **5 to 10 minutes** per day, but making reading part of a daily routine has a significant impact on children's progress and enjoyment of books.

Please record each reading session in your child's reading record so that teachers can monitor progress, celebrate achievements, and award rewards accordingly.

Reading Rewards

To encourage and recognise regular reading at home, we offer a range of rewards, including:

- Reading badges and certificates
- Displaying children's names proudly in the classroom
- Awarding Reading Dojos

How Reading Dojos Work

Reading Dojos are calculated on a Friday-to-Friday basis each week.

- Children are expected to read on at least five separate days each week.
- As there are only seven days in the reading week, the maximum number of reads that can be recorded is seven.
- Children who read 5 times during the week will receive 1 Reading Dojo.
- Children who read more than 5 times during the week will receive 2 Reading Dojos.
- Your child's dojo log in will be stuck into their reading record

Regular reading at home plays a vital role in developing children's fluency, confidence, vocabulary, and comprehension. Just a few minutes of reading each day can make a significant difference to your child's achievement across the curriculum.



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We understand that every family is different, and we are committed to supporting you in helping your child develop positive reading habits. If you would like any advice or guidance on making reading time enjoyable and effective, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Alongside this letter, you will find a Reading Questionnaire. We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete it, as your views are incredibly valuable to us. We are always looking for ways to strengthen our support for children's reading both in school and at home, and your feedback will help shape our future provision. All responses will remain confidential.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us make reading a daily habit and fostering a lifelong love of reading in all our children.

Kind regards,

Mrs J. Furlonger & Ms C. Oakes

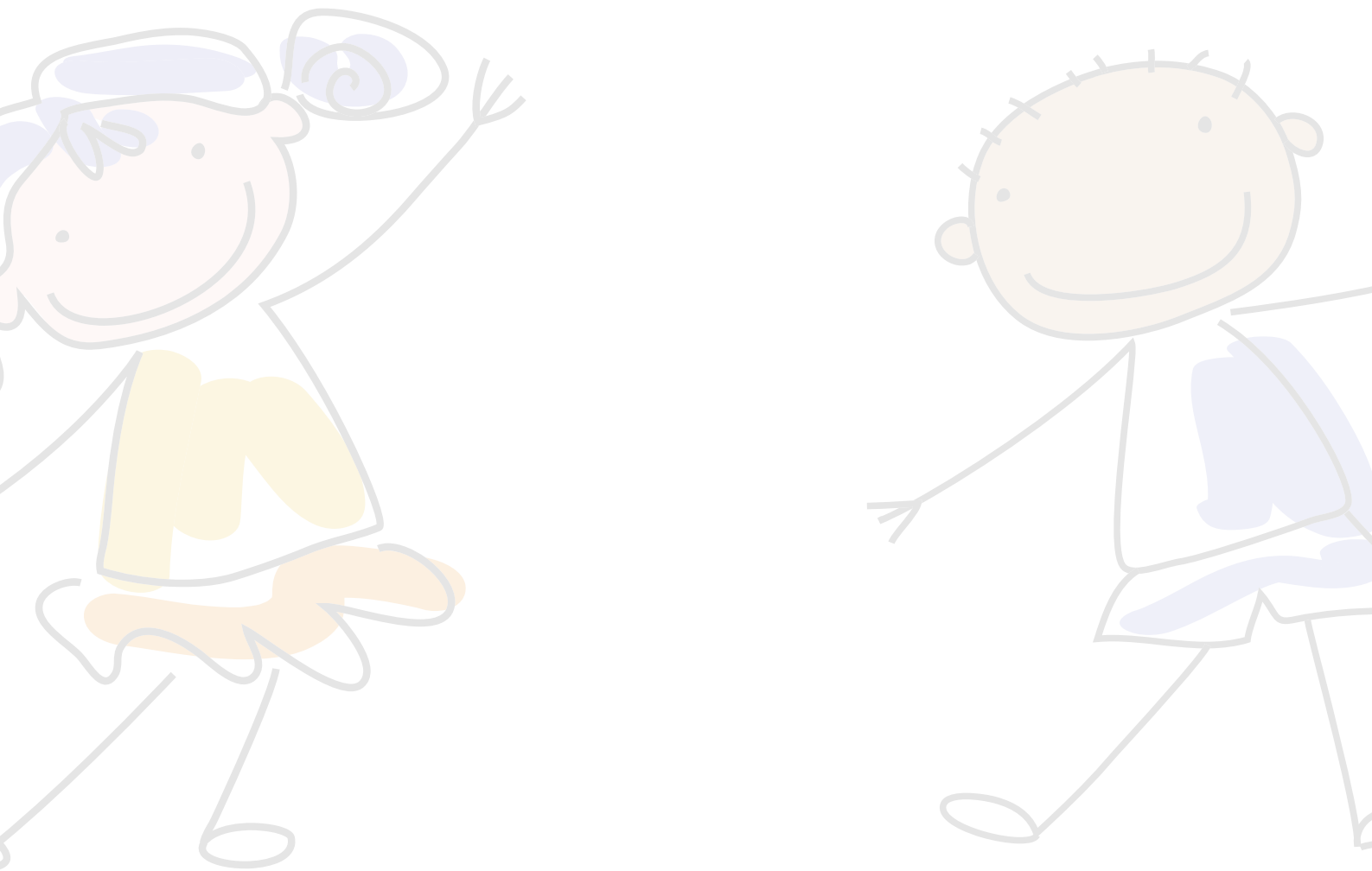
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OUR EXPECTATION

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Every time they do, they will receive a **Reading Dojo** on a Friday!



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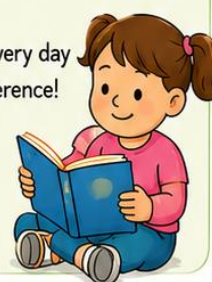


HOW LONG SHOULD THEY READ?



For our **Early Years** and **KS1** children, reading at home only needs to be for **5-10 MINUTES.**

A few minutes every day makes a big difference!



LOTS OF WAYS TO READ AT HOME!

Reading isn't just about a reading book! Here are some ideas:

SHARE A STORY BOOK



Enjoy books together and talk about the pictures and story.

READ SIGNS AND LABELS



Spot words when you're out and about—in shops, on signs or menus!

READ RECIPES TOGETHER



Follow a simple recipe and read the instructions together.

READ MAGAZINES, COMICS OR NEWSPAPERS



Great for building interest and learning new things!

LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK



Listening to stories builds vocabulary and understanding.

READ TO A PET OR TEDDY



A calm and fun way to enjoy reading!



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For our **KS2** children, we recommend reading at home for **10-20 MINUTES EACH DAY.**

A little time, every day, makes a big difference to confidence, understanding and a love of reading.



LOTS OF WAYS TO READ AT HOME!

Reading comes in many forms! Here are some ideas for KS2 children:

READ BOOKS YOU ENJOY



Fiction, non-fiction, poetry, graphic novels, joke books—choose what interests you!

READ AND DISCUSS



Talk about what you've read with someone at home. Share your ideas and opinions.

READ TO LEARN



Explore topics you're curious about—animals, space, history, sports and more!

READ DIGITAL CONTENT



Articles, blogs, news websites and e-books all count!

LISTEN, THEN READ



Listen to an audiobook, then read the book. Great for understanding and visualising!

READ ALOUD OR TAKE TURNS



Read to a sibling, take turns reading chapters, or read aloud to your family.



TOP TIPS FOR KS2 READERS

- Set a regular reading time—make it part of your daily routine.
- Keep a book with you—make the most of spare moments!
- Challenge yourself—try new authors, genres and tricky texts.
- Keep track—use a reading journal or app to note what you read.



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