

# Reading @ Cheddar Grove

## Reading Guidance for Parents/Carers

September 2020

### **Covid-19 Procedures**

Here at Cheddar Grove, we take the safety of our staff and your children seriously. As such, please read the following measures we are taking to ensure we can encourage and support regular reading whilst also being safe.

#### **Book swapping**

Over the next week, we will be assessing your child's reading level/ book band using our Bench Marking system; therefore, your child will bring a book home from school **from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. When they return a book, it will go into quarantine for 4 days. Your child will only be selecting books from their own bubble which have been quarantined between uses.

#### **Reading Safely**

We will be asking children to wash their hands before handling books at school. We ask that you continue this practice at home before and after reading a school book/ reading record. We have provided each child with a clear plastic wallet in which only your child's reading record and school book should be inside. Please do not bring in personal books from home.

#### **Reading Karate stamps and Reading Records**

We are going straight back into our Reading Karate initiative to encourage regular reading. Your child will bring their new reading record home on the first day back to school. Please start recording reads straight away. As we are not handing out school books until the 14<sup>th</sup>, please read home books/ use our online platforms to complete your reading each day.

#### **Bench marking**

Providing your child with a level appropriate book is of utmost importance. We have set aside extra resources to enable your child to be bench marked as quickly as possible. We are sure that many children will either stay the same or move up. However, some children may have regressed over this extended break from school and may have to be moved down. Please be assured that these children will be prioritised to ensure they catch back up speedily.



	Reading Calculations
Daily Percentage Calculation	$\frac{\text{Number of children scoring a read}}{\text{Number of children attending class that day}} \times 100$
Weekly Class Percentage Calculation	$\frac{\text{Number of children scoring a read during the week}}{\text{Number of children attending school that week}} \times 100$

Reading Monitoring Form

The number of children reading each day is recorded on classroom doors and is collected weekly by Year 6 monitors and handed to the Reading lead.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Any recorded reading either during Friday/Saturday or Sunday	Any recorded reading on Monday	Any recorded reading on Tuesday	Any recorded reading on Wednesday	Any recorded reading on Thursday

If a child reads before school, it can be counted for that day. However, once it has been counted it cannot count for the next day. For example, if a child reads on Friday morning before school it can be counted for Friday but will then not be counted for Monday. Or if a child reads Tuesday morning before school then it can count for Tuesday but will then not count for Wednesday.

## Weekly Phase Reading Competition

At the end of each week the class with the highest percentage win the phase reading cup. The cup is presented during the celebration assembly on a Friday.

Y1 vs Y2	Y3 vs Y4	Y5 vs Y6
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# Reading Karate

Get ready to read like a master!

Just like the Japanese Martial Art, Reading Karate is about practising a skill and working your way up through a series of bands/belts. Reading Karate aims to encourage and inspire children to read regularly at home, helping them to achieve all the different coloured wristbands, whilst having fun and boosting their self-image as a reader.

Black	180 reads
Brown	160 reads
Red	140 reads
Purple	120 reads
Blue	100 reads
Green	80 reads
Orange	60 reads
Yellow	40 reads
White	20 reads

### What counts as a read?

- 4 pages and 3 follow up questions using a school (levelled) reading/ bug club book. Alternatively, if you are a tree reader then a book from the tree reader box or as a free reader an appropriate book of the child's choice.
- At least 5 pages read to the child – the book must be one that the child could not read alone.
- 10 minutes on Read Theory
- Parents and children will need to write their reads into their reading diary and it will be checked in school and counted.
- Only 1 read will be counted each day.
- Parents **must** sign each read in the reading diary for it to count as a read.
- A maximum of 7 stamps can be earned per week.
- Teachers will not back date unless a child is absent.
- All weekends, bank holidays and holidays (apart from the summer break) will earn stamps.

When a child has achieved 20 reads they will need to show their reading diary to the class teacher or LSA who will present them with a white wristband. When they have read a further 20 times, they will need to show their reading diary to the class teacher or LSA again, and then the teacher will swap the white wristband for a yellow one. This will continue until your child achieves their black wristband and becomes a Reading Karate Master! Once your child has achieved their black wristband their photograph will be displayed on the whole school reading karate display and the process will start again (black belt – white tag, black belt- yellow tag etc.) but they keep the black wristband.

At the end of the academic year children will be able to keep any black wristband that they have achieved. There is no cost for this new Reading Reward Scheme, but the school may ask for a small donation should bands get lost.