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Reading at Dell Primary

At Dell Primary School we aim to develop a love of reading in all children. We believe that learning to read opens up a wealth of opportunities for our children and is one of the most important things we can do to support their learning, confidence and success in all subject areas. I am writing to remind you of our expectations and reward system for home reading.

Reading Logs/Reading Rewards:

All children will have a reading log to record their reading in. Whenever they read at home, it should be dated and recorded in their reading log. Teachers and other adults in school will record in it too when they have listened to children read. We expect children to read at home a **minimum of 5 times per week**. When children read at home, they are practising the skills that they have been taught in school.

Each week, school staff will count how many times children have read at home that week (up to 7 times) and note this on a class record. Pupils will earn a token for every 10 reads which can be saved up and spend at our Reading Reward Trolley!

Hearing Your Child Read:

Please listen to your child reading aloud to you (or another adult) regularly and record it in their reading log. You can hear them read their school book, or something else – it all counts! When listening to your child read, remember to ask them questions about what they have read too – this helps them to develop skills which help their understanding of the texts that they read. If your child had difficulty reading a specific word, encourage them to use their phonics knowledge to help sound it out.

Reading for Pleasure:

It is extremely important for children to develop a love of reading for pleasure. Children can visit our school library to borrow books to read and share at home. The library is open for children to visit every lunchtime. If

children read their library books to you, this can also be written in their reading log.

We appreciate that in a busy family household it may not always be possible to sit down and read a whole book, but just sharing a few pages for 5-10 minutes a day, really will make a difference to your child's academic progress. We thank you for your support in this and working with us to give your child the best start to the new year.

Yours sincerely,

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