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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our continued effort to support and encourage the growth of our students' literacy skills, we are excited to announce a new reading initiative designed to promote and celebrate regular reading at home.

We firmly believe that reading is a fundamental skill that supports all areas of learning. Encouraging our children to read regularly at home not only enhances their vocabulary and comprehension but also nurtures their love of books and stories. We know that when children read consistently, they become more confident learners and are better prepared for future academic success.

To motivate our students, we are introducing a reading rewards system. The initiative consists of four award levels, each corresponding to a number of reads completed at home. Each time your child reaches a milestone, they will receive a certificate and a small prize to celebrate their achievement.

EYFS: for those using sound blending books, reading these with your child and recording this will count as a read.

Year 1 & Year 2: 5-10 minutes of reading = 1 read.

Year 3 – Year 6: 15 minutes of reading = 1 read.

The award levels are:

- **Bronze Award:** 30 reads at home (children will receive a certificate and bookmark).
- **Silver Award:** 50 reads at home (children will receive a certificate and 'I love reading band').
- **Gold Award:** 75 reads at home (children will receive a certificate and free book)
- **Platinum Award:** 120 reads at home (children will receive a certificate and book voucher).

Each time your child reaches a milestone, they will be presented with a certificate and a small prize to celebrate their achievement.

To ensure that we can track your child's progress, we ask that all reading is recorded in their reading record books. For younger children, it is important that an adult records each read, while children in Years 4–6 can sign their own reading record. This will allow us to maintain an accurate record of your child's reading activity, ensuring that all efforts are acknowledged. Unfortunately, reading not recorded will not count towards the reward scheme. This competition will commence Monday 3rd March with children being able to achieve a maximum of 7 reads per week (one a day).

By working together, we can foster a positive reading culture that will benefit your child now and in the future. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Miss Upton
Literacy Leader