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Dear parents and carers

At Middlefield we are committed to ensuring that our children become skilled and confident readers as well as developing a genuine love of books and reading. To support this at school, the children read regularly in guided reading lessons and have the opportunity to take Accelerated Reader quizzes on a computer about each of the books they read independently. Staff use these to encourage, manage and monitor children's reading practice, including the time spent reading, the number of words read and how well the child has understood the book.

We also encourage children to take books from school so that they can practice their reading skills at home as often as possible and therefore develop a positive reading habit for the future.

To support this, all children in KS2 have taken home either a red reading diary (year 5 and 6) or a homelink book (year 3 and 4). We are expecting these to be signed by parents/carers **at least three times a week** to acknowledge that your child has been reading for at least 20 minutes at home. These will be checked at the end of each week and children who are reading more regularly than this will be rewarded. Just 20 minutes of reading each day has a huge impact.

There will be both weekly awards and termly awards for reading as we continue to encourage the children in their reading. It is also extremely helpful for a child's development as a reader if you ask them simple questions about what they have been reading, the characters in their story and about what they expect to happen next.

We hope you enjoy reading with your child.

Thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Middlefield Primary Academy