



Read In Bed It's Terrific RIBIT



Dear Parents,
We are launching a new reading initiative to encourage the joy of reading, sharing stories and time together with a good book at bedtime.

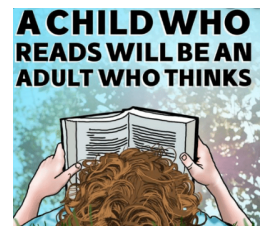
READING IS VERY IMPORTANT. Reading opens up the world of learning to children.

The school will take every step to help your child develop the skills needed to become a confident reader. Parents play an important part in this by encouraging their child and developing a daily routine of reading together using praise and support at all times

IN THE LONG TERM THE AIM IS TO - Develop a passion for reading. Whilst it is important for us to ensure that children can read it is always important to ensure that children do read. Reading should be fun!

Therefore we are launching RIBIT - Read In Bed It's Terrific. We would like you and your child to either share a story together at bedtime, listen to your child read at bedtime or give your child a time slot to read before bedtime. It can be the school reading book or your own book that you are sharing and reading.

Research shows that children who read are **five times** more likely to achieve greater results from school through the exposure of language, words, meanings, imagination, ideas etc



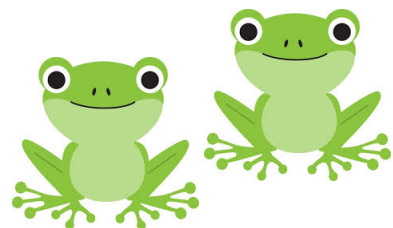
If your child reads in bed, when they come to school the next day they will tick their name off on a class list back at school and if they have completed RIBIT for a whole week they will be awarded a RIBIT certificate. They will also be entered into the RIBIT reading reward event at the end of every half-term and may be picked out for a reading treat.

I will be running some parent workshops on reading on Wednesday 18th September 2019. If you would like to attend please return the slip below:

Session 1: 9am

Session 2: 2.30pm

Session 3: 4pm



On the back of this letter I have given you some tips and ideas for reading at home. Please remember though that **YOU** can RIBIT too, as modelling reading to children is just as important as being with your child.

PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AND MAKE THEM LIFE LONG READER!

Mrs Everard

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I would like to attend: session 1 /Session 2 /Session 3 - (Circle preference)

Name of child class

PARENTS

Parents have an important role to play in helping their children to become better readers and to enjoy reading. By sharing books with your children you are their first teacher. Children who read at home will be helped in their progress and their development.

- Help your child by telling a story through pictures
- Let the child talk to you about the pictures - pictures give them clues about the story
- Talking to children is important as this is the way they learn
- Encourage your child to give their opinions and explain their own ideas - talking helps to develop reading
- Give your child lots of encouragement and praise - don't get cross if they get stuck
- If your child wants to read a book again or read an easy book - this will help them enjoy reading and so they will see themselves as good readers
- Comics and magazines can make a refreshing change from story books
- Talk about the cover, the title, the author
- Ask them what might happen next
- Ask them to tell you about the story and the characters - Q. What part did you like?
- Be patient if they get stuck - help them get clues from the pictures
- Point to the first letter of the word and say it. See if they can guess the word
- Look for little words in big words
- Reading is everywhere - read while you are out - Post Office, Garage, labels, posters and signs
- Little and often is the best idea
- By using a library you are introducing them to a wide range of different kinds of books and other materials