



### **Dingle Reading Reward**

After implementing the 'Reading Reward' scheme last year, the amount of children reading at home increased by nearly 50%. As a result of this, the children have become much more confident in their reading and are able to share wider discussions with staff about books that they are reading. We have also successfully formed strong links with Wordsley Library offering opportunities for children to read more widely both in and out of school.

### **Why are we continuing with this scheme?**

Reading at home is one of the most important ways in which you can help your child. At school we can teach children the skills they need to decode words but to consolidate these skills and grow more confident they need lots of practice. Children who read with their families develop these skills much more quickly and develop a love of reading that can last a lifetime. At Dingle Community Primary, we recognise the really important role parents have and want to support this in every way we can, and we hope the scheme will really motivate children to read at home. Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading at home that we strive embed during their time at school.

### **How does it work?**

The reward scheme is very simple. All children have to do is read at home **3 times each week** for every week during each half term and have their Home School Diary **signed by an adult at home**. A member of staff at school will check the children's reading diaries each week and keep a record of this at school.

### **How will the children be rewarded?**

We believe that every child who is taking the time to read at home should be rewarded for their effort and commitment. Therefore, every child in school who has read every week, 3 times per week, throughout the term will be able to participate in a Reading Reward session in school. These rewards will vary each half term (depending on numbers) but may involve activities such as baking, a trip to the park, a disco and other activities of the children's choice. These activities will be held during school time and responding to feedback from parents last year, these have already been scheduled across the year.

### **What should they be reading?**

We want our children at Dingle to really foster reading for pleasure. Therefore, it is important to demonstrate a broad and balanced diet of different genres. A great place to start is their school home reading book that is sent home each week. In addition to this, other books such as favourite bedtime stories, pictures books and books they enjoy reading can also be noted in their Reading Record.