



The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools

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Year R Class Reading Race

Dear Parents,

At the Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools we believe strongly in the importance of reading and promote a culture of reading for pleasure. We would really appreciate your support with this so that your children become the best readers that they possibly can. By writing in your child's Reading Record Book every time you listen to them read, we are able to monitor the support given at home which helps us make an accurate assessment of their reading skills.

We ask you to listen to your child read for a few minutes each day and to encourage the children to do this, we are going to start a class Reading Race in Year R. Reading Races are currently in operation in Key Stage One – with children racing up a stack of books every time they read. Year R will be starting their class reading races on Monday 16th January. Each child will receive a coloured square every time they have read at home and have had their Reading Record Book signed by an adult. At the end of each half term, the child in the class who has read most times will receive a prize. There will also be a prize for the child that has made the biggest improvement in home reading from the previous half term.

Thank you in advance for supporting our focus on reading and thank you to those who already read and write in your child's book on a daily basis.

Year R Stay and Read Sessions

As part of our culture of reading for pleasure, we will be starting our weekly Stay and Read Sessions from Thursday 19th January. This means that every Thursday morning from 8.40-8.55am, you are invited into your child's classroom to share a book with your child. You may choose to share your child's library book, a book from the class book corner or you may listen to your child read their own reading book or practise keywords. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L. Bell
Early Years Team Leader