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Reading at Home

Dear Parent / Carer,

Developing a love of reading at Larchwood is one of the aims of our curriculum. We celebrate reading all the time and use high quality books in all of our English lessons so children get to experience the enjoyment of reading every day.

Our expectation as a school is that children read at home at least 4 times a week and it is written in the reading record. This means doing it once over the weekend and then at least 3 more times from Monday night to Thursday night. With a few exceptions (TTRS for example) we don't set any other homework for children so it is really important that children read for these 20 minutes each night.

Each week I am given a list of the children who have read at least 4 times and a separate list of those who haven't. In celebration assembly on Friday, the classes where everyone has read at least 4 times get a certificate for their door and 5 minutes extra break. Nearly 400 children are reading at least 4 times a week, but we have seen an increasing number of children not reading enough this term.

Thank you to those families that are reading every night.

If you are not, please do so next week.

Mr S Bowsher Headteacher

