

# Grove Road Primary School



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## Grove Road Reading Grand Prix

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the start of next half term we are going to continue the Grove Road Reading Grand Prix, across the whole school. The continued purpose is to enthuse the children about reading at home and sharing books with an adult, as well as igniting a new love for reading. It will also give you, as parents, a chance to sit together with your children and spend some quality time listening to and talking about the books you are reading.

The children have had a reminder in class explaining how the challenge will work in their classrooms and what they will need to do in order to achieve a lap of the reading track and receive a certificate.

The expectation is for the children to read **at least** 3 times a week to with an adult. We would also like you to particularly focus on your child's vocabulary understanding during shared reading. Question them about meaning and other synonyms they might know. The title of the book and a **signed** comment need to be written in your child's yellow reading record. Each Monday the teacher will move your child around the track for the number of days they have read that week. So obviously the more days a week you sit down and share a book the further they will move. Please can you help your child take responsibility with this, as the reading record might be signed with an appropriate comment, in order for this reading to count on the reading track.

When choosing a book to read, please consider your child's ability. If your child is capable of reading chapter books, then please encourage this. The books that your child chooses can be both fiction and non-fiction texts. They can also be books from home, the library or from school. They do not just have to be the 1-1 reading books that the class teacher sends home with your child in KS1.

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, then sharing and reading a book with your child and talking about the story is appropriate, and this can be signed in their yellow reading record.

We are hoping that this will be an enjoyable incentive for all of the children at Grove Road to take part in and to help them excel in their reading.

We appreciate your support with this and hope to make this a successful challenge, to improve the progress of your child's reading.

Emma Chappell