

# BARWELL INFANT SCHOOL



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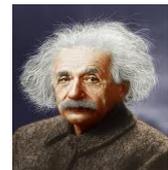
## Rainbow Readers

### Our Reading at Home Reward Scheme

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you information on our new reading at home reward scheme. We have adapted this scheme to take into account the much later start time of Easter (rather than the January start we had originally planned for).

As we all know, there are many benefits to encouraging children to read and it is evidenced that Children who read often and widely do, with practice, get better at it. Reading helps to exercise children's brains, improves their levels of concentration and develops vocabulary and language skills, as well as fostering their imagination. Crucially, children who read regularly achieve better in school, not just in English but in every other subject. It is a skill that enhances our lives. Apparently, Albert Einstein famously said *"If you want your children to be intelligent read them fairytales. If you want them to be more intelligent read them more fairytales."*



### How our Rainbow Readers works

We are encouraging children to read at home at least three times per week.

Every three times a child reads they will receive a 'dot,' once their reading records have been checked by an adult in school. Every child will have a rainbow in their reading records which the 'dots' will be put onto so that you as parents, can see how your child is progressing.

Each time they receive 2 'dots' they will get their next coloured certificate in the rainbow. Starting on red they work their way through six of the colours of the rainbow.

When the children have achieved them all, they will receive a Headteacher certificate and will be able to choose a free reading book to take home and keep. This will be dated and signed by the class teacher, and myself.

We will be starting the scheme from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

This is a brand-new system for all our staff, that we have needed to adapt to ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve the 'rainbow' by the end of the summer term. Please do bear with us if there are 'hiccups' initially. If you do spot something that isn't quite working right, then please either speak to your child's class teacher or alternatively pop and have a word with me or send me a message on Class Dojo.

Your support with this new initiative, is as always, greatly appreciated.



Best wishes

Terena Moreton  
Headteacher