



Swanmore C.E. (Aided) Primary School

15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Home reading initiative

At Swanmore we run a very successful infant home reading initiative in which the children work towards earning a series of coloured badges and culminates in being awarded a book from Mr Paterson. We have been thrilled with the uptake from the children and are pleased to share the following data from each class last year.

Year Group 2022-23	Rainbow badge- read at least 4 times a week all year long	Purple badge and book- read at least 4 times a week for most of the year	Black badge- read at least 4 times a week for at least two thirds of the year.
YR	48/56 - 86 %	51/56 -91%	54/56 - 96%
Y1	48/60 - 80%	54/60 - 90%	56/60 - 90%
Y2	27/58 - 47%	37/57- 65%	46/57 - 81%
All Infants	123/174- 71%	142/173 – 82%	156/173 – 90%

A huge well done to the children and a massive thank you to parents in Year 1 and 2 for your regular support at home with reading last year. We cannot stress how vital the skill of reading is to enable the children to access all aspects of school life. **This academic year I am aiming for 100% of the infant children reading at least 4 times a week all year long in order to achieve their rainbow badge!**

As a school we have spent an enormous amount of time, energy and money promoting a love of reading and we are striving to develop a daily habit of reading for our children. Our insistence is a mark of how much we value reading and how deeply we care that no child will leave our school unable to read. Please continue to support this initiative. We want to see the children moving towards their goal of achieving the next and it is as disappointing for us as it is for the children when they are the only child in their reading group not to get their stamp/sticker on their chart. Please remember it has to be 4 reads at home in a week to qualify.

Year R

Since the Year R children have not yet begun reading/sharing scheme books we are still asking you to get into the habit of regularly sharing books and recording this in their reading diaries. Please record the date and the title of the book you have shared (either a school library book or a book from home.) Once we begin reading in school and we will only need to have the school reading scheme book titles recorded. Your child will get a sticker each week if they have “read” at least 4 times a week at home.

Yours sincerely

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