Southfield Primary Academy

Where Learning Comes to Life

RED Award

What is the RED Award?



The **RED** Award has been developed to encourage children to read at home everyday. Reading is one of the most important skills that your child will learn at school and it is important that they have the opportunity to practise regularly.

How does it work?

At Southfield Primary Academy, all pupils from the Early Years through to Year 6 are encouraged to take part in the RED challenge. To take part in the RED challenge, children need to read at home regularly.

Early Years and Key Stage 1: Sign your child's reading record every time they read. Every 5 reads earn the children 10 Dojo Dollars and 5 House Points.

Key Stage 2: When children read a book they complete a quiz on Accelerated Reader. They earn 10 Dojo Dollars and 5 House Points for every 1,000 words (LKS2) or 5,000 words (UKS2) they read.

Dojo dollars can be spent in the Dojo shop.

Some questions you might have:



My child is in Year 6 and prefers to read in their head rather than aloud, does that still count?

If your child has read at home, the children will complete the book quiz to confirm their understanding of the book they've read. It would be a good idea to ask them questions about what they have read or find time to talk about what they are reading.

My child is not yet able to read; how can they take part?

Children love having books read to them so you could share a familiar story with them and then ask questions; do they know what happens next? Learning to take care of books and how to hold them and to turn the pages is an important skill that you could also practise at home. When you are out and about, point out and read shop signs and road signs to give children an awareness of text. Remember that discussing what is in the pictures in a book is also an important skill when learning to read.



Does my child need a new book each time they have read?

No, it is fine to share books more than once. Younger children love the repetition of reading familiar books and, as children become better readers, their books will take more than a night to read.

Can my child read books that we have at home or do they have to be school books?

They can read library books, newspapers, magazines, their own books or books that they bring home from school! There is a wide range of books available on Accelerated Reader but not everything will have a book quiz to be able to log the number of words read.