

## **Heartwood CE VC Primary and Nursery School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Heartwood Primary School we aim for all our children to become fluent, confident readers who are passionate about reading.

Reading is at the heart of everything that we do.

It is important that children read both at school and at home. Your child will bring home 2 phonics books in a plastic wallet. They will also have a reading record that needs to be filled in every time they read.

Please write the date, the title of the book and a positive comment about how they read parts of the book to you in the reading record.

The comment could be about how they read the words/ sentences:

Did they...

Hold the book the right way and turn the pages effectively?

Finger-track the words as they read them?

Concentrate as they read independently?

Self-correct?

Persevere to read the whole book to the end?

Say each of the separate sounds in the words?

Blend the letter sounds back together to be able to read the word?

Recognise tricky words on sight?

If time is tight, a smiley face and your initials will be fine.

When children read 5 times in a week at home they will be rewarded with a house point. The teacher will check reading records, write a comment and give house points out every Friday.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards Mrs Starman









