



# St Michael's Reading Rainbow

## **What is the Rainbow Reading reward scheme?**

The Rainbow Reading is a reward system we are introducing to encourage children to read at home and develop a love for reading.

## **Why have we introduced this scheme?**

Reading at home is one of the most important ways in which you can help your child. At school we can teach children the skills they need to decode words but to consolidate these skills and grow more confident they need lots of practice. Children who read with their families develop these skills much more quickly and develop a love of reading that can last a lifetime. At St Michael's we recognise the really important role parents have and want to support this in every way we can, and we hope this scheme will really motivate the children to read at home.

## **How does it work?**

For the children in **Reception – Year 3** they must read their school book to an adult for at least 5 minutes at least 4 times a week. For children in **Year 4 – Year 6** they can read their book to themselves, or an adult, for at least 10 minutes at least 4 times a week. We then ask that the adult initials in the child's reading record that the book, or part of the book, has been read. Then mark the date on their reading rainbow that they have read that day. Only one circle should be crossed off a day. They begin by completing the red band of the rainbow and then work their way in. You will find your child's Reading Rainbow inside their reading record.

## **When the children have completed each colour band on the rainbow then they will receive a certificate and prize:**

- Red Band (15 reads)
- Orange Band (30 Reads)
- Yellow Band (45 Reads)
- Green Band (60 Reads)
- Blue Band (75 Reads)
- Indigo Band (90 Reads)
- Violet Band (105 Reads)

In Friday's class praise assembly, any children who have completed one of the rainbow bands will receive their certificate and prize.

Finally we ask that you encourage your child to read as often as possible and support them in earning their Reading Rainbow rewards.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Peachey and Mrs Duncan