

Hello everyone,

I hope you've had a lovely weekend.

Reading Karate

We are going to introduce 'Reading Karate' in Jade Class. This is about the children being able to practise their reading skills and strategies whilst working their way up through a series of bands/belts. This will encourage and inspire your child to read regularly at home, helping them to achieve the different coloured wristbands.

All reading will need to be logged on **Boomreader**. This will be checked in school and counted up. One daily read will be counted per day towards a band. When your child has achieved 10 reads, they will be presented with a white wristband. When they have read a further 15 times, the white band will be swapped for a yellow one. This will continue until your child achieves their black wristband and becomes a Reading Karate Master!

Once your child has achieved their black wristband they will start the process again (black/white, black/yellow etc.) but they keep their black wristband. At the end of the academic year, your child will be able to keep any black wristband that they have achieved. There is no cost for this new reading incentive scheme, but we may ask for a small donation should bands get lost.

If you are having any problems with Boomreader then please let me know and we can go through this together on the app/website.

Workshops with Zoe

This term, we are very lucky to have Zoe our Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) working with us in class. Zoe will be leading some short afternoon whole-class sessions that focus on developing independence, problem solving skills and resilience to challenge. Hopefully the children will be able to talk to you about all of the exciting activities that we have carried out each week. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to ask.

Key reminders for this week:

- New comprehension homework will be sent out. This needs to be returned by Friday. Thank you!
- PE day will be on Wednesday
- As always, please support your child to bring in their red book bag, a coat and a water bottle **every day**.

This week's phonics virtual classroom videos:

Sound blending and Red: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XZ9sAV83/v4Kfv17g>

Green, Purple and Pink: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/j3CHnjHx/A9UF5hZD>

Orange, Yellow and Blue: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IMdi2E4e/LqIcDg0x>

Thank you,

Miss Ponsford

