



# St Clement's Reading Magazine

A half termly newsletter full of ideas to help your child become a better reader.

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Welcome to our second reading magazine focused on the wonders of reading. At St Clement's we love reading! Each day, help your child to hear and read many stories and rhymes. Reading helps develop story language and vocabulary, build imagination as well as an enthusiasm for books.

## READING EVERY DAY....

**CREATES** lifelong readers

**TEACHES** children to find adventure, answers and ideas through books

**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories within a family activity

**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves

**AWAKENS** children to the world around them

**ALLOWS** a child's imagination to blossom

**GIVES** children the tools to be a successful writer

**BUILDS** a diverse and more interesting vocabulary



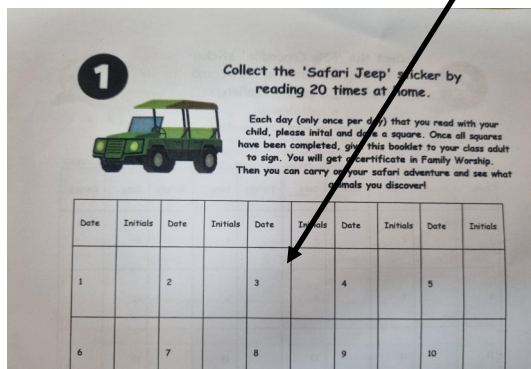
## Reading Rewards

Remember to listen to your child read AT LEAST 3 TIMES PER WEEK.

Ask them to read their school book TO YOU.

Children work through the Safari challenges collecting prizes on the way.

Each time your child reads to you please date and sign one of the boxes in the reading reward booklet.



We understand it is exciting for your child to get the rewards but please do read with your child so that they can earn it fairly.

## Reading Expectations

Our school has set every child with the reading challenge of reading their school book at least **3 times per week**.

We check reading records each week. Your child will get a special stamp in their reading record if they have met their target of 3 reads.

If they have not read three times or more we will follow this process:

1. A school adult will speak to you to remind you about the reading expectation.
2. You will receive a sticker in the book asking you to please read three times the next week.
3. You will receive a 'Marvellous Me' message
4. You will receive a letter from the English lead explaining the importance of regular reading and offering you any support you might need.



## Bedtime Reading Books

Bedtime is a perfect time to snuggle up and share a lovely relaxing bedtime story. Children love to hear stories read to them and it helps to develop their imagination, learn new words and unwind after a day.

### Our School 'Bedtime Book' Initiative

**Every Friday**, children will be able to choose a bedtime story from their class to take home for you to read to them over the week. This will be in addition to their usual coloured reading books which they will continue to read at home. The bedtime reading books need to be **returned on a FRIDAY**. The children will be free to then choose a new book from the special bedtime reading box. Your child cannot have a new book without returning their previous book. Please look after these books so that others can enjoy them too. The aim of the 'Bedtime Books' is for you to read to your child rather than them reading the book.

*Top Tip: Try to use expression and different voices for character speech!*

*Ask your child to say what they think might happen next before you get to the end.*

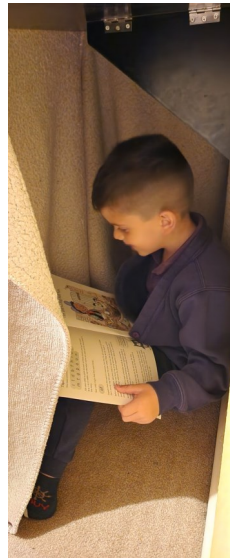
*Can your child tell you about their favourite part of the story?*

## Caught Reading!



## Black Rhino reading reward

Here are some of the photographs sent into school as part of their Black Rhino reading reward. Well done to everyone who has got this far already. Even if your photo is not featured we are very impressed with the dens you made.



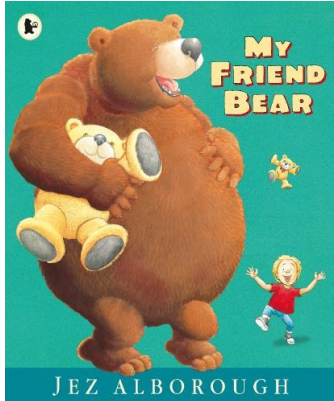
Email your own 'Caught Reading' photos to be published in the next edition.

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### My Friend Bear by Jez Alborough

A young bear wishes he had some real friends and not just his teddies. But then his teddies start to talk. A good book to help children discuss friendships, and what it means to have a friend.



Email your own Book Review about one of the books on your list. We will published it in the next newsletter.

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## Online Resources



[www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/)



Read books online - choose one from the bank on this website. You will need to register for a free account. Let us know which books are your favourite.

[www.ictgames.com/forestPhonics/fullV\\_public/index.html](http://www.ictgames.com/forestPhonics/fullV_public/index.html)



This is a great phonics game for Year 1 and 2 children.

## Phonics Challenge

Use your phonics to sound out these English words.

One point for each word. How many points can you win?

Remember...



tent  
sheep  
boat  
ring  
crash  
playing