



Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

At The Glapton Academy, we want to ensure that all pupils read easily, fluently and with good understanding; develop the habit of reading widely and often, both for pleasure and information, and acquire a rich vocabulary by the time they leave us at the end of Year 6.

Research shows that reading for pleasure improves reading ability, develops reasoning and critical thinking skills, and makes children more articulate. Children and young people who read daily outside class are five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with young people who never read outside class. In addition to this, children who are supported in their reading at home are more likely to enjoy reading and tend to achieve more highly at school.

In order to promote reading at home, we are introducing a reward system which will take effect from Monday 24th February 2020.

- Each class will become 'Reading Rocketeers' aiming to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year.
- Children are encouraged to read at home every day and to make a note in their partnership book every time they read outside of school.
- After every 20 reads, they will get one step closer to space and will be rewarded with a token which they can 'spend' on prizes.
- They may spend their token straight away or can save up tokens to get a better prize.
- All prizes will be book-related and will include book marks, badges, keyrings, pencils and, of course, books!

We really hope you will encourage your child to take part in this exciting initiative! Happy reading!

Kind regards,

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