

20 Minute pledge

Dear Parent(s)

Earlier this term we invited you to join us in taking the 20 minute reading pledge to significantly improve your child's language and reading enjoyment. I do hope that many of you have already taken up the challenge. It takes approximately 18 months for new language to become part of your child's vocabulary so the earlier that children are exposed to a wide variety the quicker they will start to use it.

We promised to read to your child for 10 minutes each day and asked that you commit to reading to your child for 10 minutes each day at home. It is important that you read books to your child which are above their reading level so that they can widen their vocabulary and learn from you how to use intonation and expression when reading.

We have been very busy in school: Miss Morris has been reading many books to Class 1 including The Hairy MacLary stories; Miss Barlow is reading The giraffe and the Pelly and me by Roald Dahl. to Class 2; Mr Dow is reading Billionaire Boy to Class 3 and Mrs Bennett is reading Life of Pi to Class 4. All of the children are really enjoying this sharing a love of books and I am looking forward to hearing about the books you are reading at home. If you have any photos of you all reading at home we would love to see them. If your children draw any pictures of favourite characters from books or would like to fill in a speech bubble telling me what they think about reading please let me know.

Miss Morris & Mrs Servent

Every Minute Counts

Child '**A**' reads 1
minute each day
**180 minutes in a
school year**
8000 words

Child '**B**' reads 5
minute each day
**900 minutes in a
school year**
282,000 words

Child '**C**' reads 20 minute
each day
**3600 minutes in a
school year**
1,800,000 words

You can read anywhere.

Bedtime Story, after breakfast, when you get in from school, during bath time, straight after dinner, audio books in the car or ipad.

Just enjoy reading!!!

