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Home Reading Initiatives Cinema Seats and Reading Certificates

Dear Parents,

At Sutton St James CP School we use a Cinema Seat Reading Initiative to encourage **all** children to enjoy and develop their reading skills at home as well as working on them in school. As a school we recognise and value the importance of being able to read fluently, with understanding and with enjoyment.

As part of their homework, every child will be able to earn a cinema seat at the 'school cinema' with refreshments on the last day of each term by reading regularly at home.

Every child will bring home a glossy Home Reading Record in which they should record the date, title of the book they have read and a brief comment/ page numbers, which should be signed by an adult who has read with them/ listened to them read. Your child will need to read and have their reading records signed regularly over the term to earn their cinema seat, popcorn and to have a drink at the film showing. Children can earn a maximum of 5 reading entries per week - to do this they must read for 15 minutes at home and have this signed by an adult. Reading material can be anything suitable for their age, from books and comics to newspapers, websites or even information on cereal packets! We only accept 5 entries per week as we understand that children enjoy doing lots of different things and that they may be busy with after school / out of school clubs on some evenings and we recognise the importance of these activities.

If a child does not read enough times over the term to earn their cinema seat they will not be able to join in with the school watching the film and will instead be given the time to read to make up for some of the reading that they have not done during the term. Each child has to earn their seat first and can then go on to earn the bonus extras (popcorn and drink). Using this method we will be able to ensure that those children who are motivated to read will be rewarded for doing so and hope that this initiative will provide some level of motivation for those children who are less enticed by reading.

If your child forgets or loses their reading record, entries can be recorded on paper until they have found it again. Entries which are not signed by an adult will not be accepted towards the earning of cinema seat points.

After every 28 entries made in their reading records your child will also receive a certificate to celebrate this in celebration assembly. For this up to 7 entries a week will be accepted. Certificates will be given out in celebration assembly.

Entries made during the holidays will be counted towards the cinema and reading certificate (max of 5 per week for cinema and 7 for certificate).

If you have any questions about any of the above initiatives please come into school to speak to me and I will be happy to explain them further.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in encouraging your child to read and for signing their reading record for them.



Yours sincerely

Miss Claire Willows
Headteacher