



## Alfo's Guide to the Reading Karate Scheme



Reading is a lifelong skill, which we try to develop as your child continues their journey through our school. We are keen at Alfred Street to develop a love of books, which is why we are introducing 'Reading Karate'. Our Reading Karate system is an exciting way of encouraging the children to read at home every day.



### **What is Reading Karate?**

This is a reward based system for reading at home, which results in the children moving up through coloured 'belts', 'Dans'(wristbands) or badges, depending on how many times they have read throughout the week. Every day we check to see who has read at home and each Friday we collect in the reading records to total up the number of reads. In our Celebration Assembly, children who have achieved different numbers of reads will receive their rewards.

### **Our Karate System**

Karate Belts	No of reads
White belt	15
Yellow belt	30
Orange belt	50
Green belt	70
Blue belt	95
Black belt	120
Gold belt	170

Karate Dans	No of reads
Yellow Dan	200
Orange Dan	250
Green Dan	300
Blue Dan	350
Brown Dan	400
Gold Dan	500

Karate Badges	No of reads
White 'Reading Legend!'	550
Yellow 'Reading Legend!'	600
Orange 'Reading Legend!'	650
Green 'Reading Legend!'	700
Star Badge 'Alfo Reading Star!'	780
Blue 'Reading Legend!'	800
Brown 'Reading Legend!'	900
Black 'Reading Legend!'	1000
Star Badge 'STAR READER!'	1300

### **What are the Karate Rules?**

#### Year 3 and 4

- Sharing a book with an adult at home for at least 15 minutes counts as a read.
- This could be your school reading book, library book or a book from home.
- An adult must sign your reading record book.
- Only one read per day counts.
- If you are a free reader, you can read to yourself but an adult must sign for it to count

#### Year 5 and 6

- Sharing a book with an adult at home for at least 15 minutes counts as a read.
- This could be your school reading book, library book or a book from home.
- Remember to write a comment about what you have just read.
- An adult must sign your reading record book but only one read per day counts.

Remember, we encourage reading for enjoyment; it will probably take the duration of four years to move up through the 'belts', 'Dans' and 'badges'.

**Thank you for your support with our ultimate aim to unlock the magic that books hold within them!**

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