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OUR READING TREES

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Shaw we foster a love for reading and want all our children to be those who avidly read for pleasure. We know that our children love sharing books with you at home too and we would like to reward as well as challenge them to continue to do so. After all:

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." — Garrison Keillor

In each of our assembly halls, we have a 'Reading Tree' display. The children's reward will be in the form of different coloured leaves and tree related items that will be attached to the tree with their name on it for all to see. Since it was introduced, a number of years ago, we have found more of our children are reading each year and reading a greater number of books.

Please help your child to obtain as many as possible by ensuring that they get some time to read their Read Write Inc or Oxford Reading Tree book that they bring home from school. Children will also be rewarded for books read from your home or the local library. Please write the title of the book in your child's reading record (older children can do this themselves) and their class teacher will expect them to be able to share something about the book or may ask them something about it. For children who read longer chapter books, reading five chapters of a longer book will count as one 'book' towards their next reading leaf.

The rewards are as follows:

- 10 books – Green leaf
- 25 books – Red leaf
- 50 books – Brown leaf
- 75 books – Yellow leaf
- 100 books – Acorn
- 150 books – Fruit
- 200 books – Blossom
- 250 books – Animal

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us. If you have any queries or suggestions, please let your child's class teacher know.

Yours sincerely,

Ms D. Kimpton
Headteacher

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English Lead