



# Goldenhill Primary Academy



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*"Everyone shines at Goldenhill"*

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

After Christmas, Key Stage 1 will be taking a new approach to the teaching of reading. The approach, called *Reading Squads*, will provide children with short but high quality reading sessions which will improve their reading overall.

As part of the approach, children will take part in small group guided reading sessions four times a week, with an adult. The fifth day will involve a comprehension task during which the children can apply the skills that they have learnt throughout the week.

Children will be introduced to new reading emoji's, each one with a specific skill that the children should be using in their reading.



### **Reporter**

Skill: Retrieving

Job: The reporter finds the main information in the text.



### **Detective**

Skill: Inferring

Job: The detective works things out and makes conclusions.



### **Translator**

Skill: Vocabulary

Job: The translator knows and can explain what words in a text mean.



### **Storyteller**

Skill: Sequencing

Job: The storyteller looks at events in a text and puts them in the correct order.

Children will be sent home with books appropriate to their reading level. The new system will mean that children will no longer be quizzing on their books using the Accelerated Reader system. However, their comprehension will now be assessed through benchmarking at several points throughout the school year.

Our expectation is still for children to read these books at least four times a week. Please remind children that if they need to change their book, then they should do so as and when within the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Pitt and Miss Woodward.



