



# GERRANS CP SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## Reading Karate

We would like to tell you about an exciting reading incentive we run here at Gerrans.

Just like the Japanese Martial Art, Reading Karate is about practising a skill and working your way up through a series of bands/belts.



We hope that it will encourage our children to read at home and help them to achieve all the different coloured wristbands. It has been observed that Reading Karate develops reading skills and strategies, boosts children's self-image as reader as well as being great fun.

### How it works

Parents and children need to write their reads into their reading diary and it is then checked in school and counted up.

- ✚ One read comprises **4 pages or 15 minutes** depending on age/ability.
- ✚ Only **1 read will be counted per day**.
- ✚ An adult **MUST sign each read** in the reading diary for it to count as a read.

### Getting started.....

When children have achieved **15 reads** they will need to show their reading diary to the class teacher/teaching assistant. The child will then be awarded their **WHITE** wristband and certificate in Friday's celebration assembly.



Children will then work their way up through the bands, swapping them each time for the next colour. This will continue until the **BLACK** wristband is achieved and they become a **Reading Karate Master!**



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Thereafter, children may keep their black band and the process begins again: black plus white, black plus yellow etc.

There is no charge for this new reading incentive but we will request a donation of 50p for a replacement should bands get lost.



Reading is a lifelong skill which develops as a child journeys through our school. Even for some of our older children, as they become fluent readers, it is still important to be read to, or to be heard reading.

Happy Reading!

Yours sincerely

Emily Haines  
EYFS/KS1 Teacher

