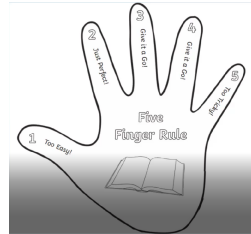




Dear Parent/Guardian

Five Finger Rule



Whether your child has already developed a love for reading or is still hesitant when it comes to picking out books, there is an easy way for them to choose a 'just-right book' on their own.

It is called the Five Finger Rule and this is something we will be implementing and sharing with your children, at HJS.

Here is how it works: Your child opens a book to a random page. They read the page and hold up one finger for every word they do not know or cannot pronounce. The number of fingers they are holding up by the end of the page tells them if the book is the right level:

0-1 fingers: It is too easy.

2 fingers: It is just right.

3 fingers: Give it a go! A good choice if you are up for the challenge!

4 fingers: Give it a go! You may need help from an adult.

5 fingers: It is too hard (or best read aloud with a buddy or with adult support).

As you can see, two to three fingers is the 'best fit'. If your child is holding up any more or less, that is a clue that they should try to find another book if they're reading independently.

We really believe it is beneficial to teach your children this quick rule as it supports their independence and reading confidence.

But of course, we do not want this rule to mean your child misses out on interesting or challenging books they might have otherwise attempted to read and we would still very much encourage your children to challenge themselves and read what they enjoy - but this is a great tip when choosing a book they will read independently. We will very much be keeping in mind that this is a starting point — not a definite rule.

Reading is reading no matter what the Five Finger Rule score is and we will ensure this message is given clearly across the school.

Best Wishes

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