



## Drop everything and read (D.E.A.R) and Book in a bag

- The 'D.E.A.R' initiative is being implemented for all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year pupils as part of the whole school Literacy programme. Students must carry a book in their bag at all times. The book may be left in their locker after school (if needs be) to be retrieved the following morning and **put back in the bag**.
- They need to pick a book for themselves from the library/ school library/bookshop or from home. The **chosen book should be one that they will enjoy**, one that is at their level and one that **does not contain any pictures**. This book **may not be** an academic book as the idea is that the students see this as a break from study/school but at the same time their literacy will hopefully improve with more reading taking place.
- There will be an **announcement** made **over the intercom once a week** in the middle of a class for everyone to **drop everything and read**.
- **Students without a *book in a bag* will be given a tick and small note in their journal stating 'no book in a bag' beside the tick** (so that this can be monitored).
- Parents will be informed about this new initiative by text.
- The book in the bag initiative will be implemented on the **week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**.
- Support the initiative by ensuring that your daughter has a book in her bag from the **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015**.