



# Top tips for reading with your children.

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# Reading really matters

- **As parents, you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child with reading.**

One study even demonstrates that how well 7-year-olds read predicts their income 35 years later!

# Regular reading

- Read often – don't make it a long session.
- Little and often is much more effective.
- 10 minutes a day works well in KS1
- 4 times a week for 15 – 20 mins works well in KS2. This can be silently reading to themselves or to you. If your child enjoys reading to themselves show an interest in what they are reading, ask questions, maybe read the book yourself!
- Make it comfortable.
- Create a routine that works for you both.
- Who else can they read with?

# Enjoy

- Make it fun.
- Use voices
- Share the pictures
- Show an interest
- Discuss what you like to read
- Read the same book together
- Try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant.

# Enjoy

- If your child loses interest then do something else... don't force the issue if it is becoming stressful.
- If your child isn't enjoying the book they have chosen, try a different approach... reading doesn't always have to be from a traditional book! You may decide to read a sports report together, or perhaps something from the newspaper, a recipe, or a non-fiction book about a subject in which your child is interested.

# DISCUSS

- Look at the pictures together and talk about them
- Compare the story with other stories
- Follow the child's interest – What would you like to read next?
- Predict what might happen next
- When your child brings home a book that has been read before ask for a summary before reading it again, then discuss the book at a deeper level than last time.
- As your child progresses, talk about authors, characters and plots or what new information has been learnt.

# Read all sorts

- Don't just stick to school books
- Comics, non fiction, programmes, annuals
- Audio books
- E books
- Join the library

# How to help when your child is stuck

- Be positive
- If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together,' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

# How to help when your child is stuck

- Maintain the flow
- If your child mispronounces a word, do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

# How to help when your child is stuck

- Success is the key
- Parents anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.

Reading is the single most important thing your child will learn to do. It unlocks the door to so much learning and so much enjoyment. Reading regularly and developing a love of reading will have more influence on their success in later life than anything else. It really matters.

Make the time you spend with your child precious. Reading really matters.

