

Reading with your child



Reading is an important factor in all of your child's learning-even maths and science. Children with good comprehension skills achieve more across the whole curriculum. This is why we really value your support at home with reading. We also want children to come to enjoy reading as a life-long pastime.

Below are some suggestions as to how you can support your child with reading:

- Try and set aside time to read with your child every day. 10 to 15 minutes will make a huge difference
- Give them time to sound out unknown words, but help them if the pace is too slow and spoiling enjoyment
- Help them to read the punctuation-making sure they stop for full stops and pause for commas, using their voice to express the meaning
- Help with words they can read, but may not know the meaning of.
- Ask questions about what is happening in the story, or what they have learned if it is a non-fiction book.

If your child is already an accomplished reader your support is still very important.

You could hear your child read aloud for 10 minutes, helping them with advanced punctuation used in complex sentences so that they understand precise meanings. Ask your child to continue reading on their own. After this you could ask questions such as:

- Why do you think (name of character/s) did.....?
- How do you think (name of character) felt when.....?
- What do you think you would do if.....?
- How do you know how (characters) are feeling.....?
- Which words tell you what (name of character/place) is like?
- Are there any words that you don't know the meaning of?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Generally chat about reactions to the book as this is an important way of developing vocabulary

In your child's reading log please initial when you have heard them read and comment on how they have done if relevant.

Children progress at different rates with their reading. As your child becomes a more proficient reader it is often the content and complexity of the story that develops understanding rather than lots of new words.

We hope you find the above useful. Enjoying a good story is a wonderful passion to have and with the support to acquire key reading skills, one that all children can develop.

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