

Tips for reading with your child

Please read regularly with your child – ideally each day.

You don't need to read lots at once – judge your child's concentration span -some children may only manage a few pages each day.

We will change your child's books once each week. The school books provided are pitched at a level to support children with their independent reading skills and are just one part of your child's reading diet. Please supplement with books/magazines/catalogues/signs/posters from home/the library/your surroundings.

At the beginning of your child's reading journey they will benefit from re-reading books. This helps them to develop confidence and fluency, recognise sight words and view themselves as readers.

Activities to do when reading:

- Look at the pictures and talk about them.
- If you suspect your child has learnt a book by heart and is not 'reading' you could write out the sentence, cut it up and get them to put it back in order.
- Ask your child questions:
 - Return to a page – can you find the word...
 - Can you find the page where ...
 - Have you read a book like this before?
 - Did you enjoy the book?
 - Did it remind you of anything?
 - Where is the story set?
 - What happened at the beginning?
 - Can you tell me the story?
- Complete some of the activities in your child's reading record. Can they read any of the sight words? Tick and date them to keep a track of your child's progress.

Enjoy reading with your child :)

