

Supporting Your Child with Reading



1. Encourage your child to read regularly.

This can be quite difficult sometimes as children don't always want to do the things that are good for them! The thing to remember about reading is the more they do, the better they can do it and the more fun it is. The less they do the more of a chore it becomes. If they are at all reluctant to read, it makes sense, after talking to them about why reading is so important to their future, to set up an agreement about when they'll read and how often.



2. It's important to make sure they are reading something interesting.

We have lots of fantastic books at school that they are welcome to take home but there are also hundreds of other things they might read. They should be encouraged to read a range of different things which might include web sites, maps, instructions for games, cookery books, magazines, newspapers, leaflets, encyclopedias, etc.

3. Talk to your child about their reading.

Children love attention and if you show interest in their reading it will help to develop their higher order reading skills and help to motivate them. Things talk about include:

- Asking them to predict what the text is about or what might happen next
- Checking whether there are there any words they are unsure of the meaning or how they are pronounced
- Asking them to summarise what they have read
- Trying to use a mixture of different kinds of questions:
 - **literal** questions (the answer is on the page)
 - **inferential** questions (read between the lines)
 - **deductive** questions (work something out maybe using other knowledge)
 - **text type** questions (understanding features of the layout)
 - **preference/opinion** questions (comparing likes and dislikes about the text)

