

Reading at Home

In addition to our reading meeting for parents of children beginning Reception, this leaflet provides guidance on how you can support your child with their reading at home.

Enjoying a book with your child is a fantastic way to share adventures and experiences together, and it's the best way to get them reading for life. Here are some tips for raising a reader:

1. Make books part of your family life- always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. Join your local library – get your child a library card, you'll find lots of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. Match their interests and help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. All reading is good – don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. Get comfortable! – snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
6. Ask questions – to keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. Read whenever you get the chance – bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. Read again and again – encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. Bedtime stories – regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child. This special time doesn't have to stop once your child can read independently!
10. Rhyme and repetition – books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words. Enjoying a poem is a brilliant way to foster a love of language and there are lots of hilarious and imaginative books of poetry for children.

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Read Theory

In order to develop comprehension, and as part of our home-learning, we promote the use of the website www.readtheory.com. Using their login, your child will be able to access mini reading quizzes which allow them to practise decoding new texts, answer different types of comprehension questions and explore the meaning of vocabulary in context.