



Helping Your Child With Reading

The following points are to support you when reading at home with your child. Regular, daily reading is the key to reading success. Two or three of these sessions could be your child reading silently to him/herself followed by a discussion about the book. The other days could be an opportunity for your child to read aloud. Please sign your child's reading record each time they have read recording the pages covered. The amount of time children spend reading will vary. Be encouraging and guided by your child's interest. These guidelines may help you develop reading further.

- ❖ Make sure you are relaxed and comfortable during the reading session.
- ❖ Encourage your child to read with expression.
- ❖ Your child should be able to read approximately 9 out of every 10 words in the book, less than this and the book may be too difficult.
- ❖ Discuss the meaning of difficult or usual words and encourage your child to use these new words in sentences when talking to you.
- ❖ Ask questions about the characters, the plot, the ending of the book and whether your child enjoyed it. If your child is not enjoying a story, stop reading it and ask them to change the book.
- ❖ Encourage talk about favourite authors and illustrators, giving reasons for their choices.
- ❖ Try and make sure that your child reads a range of different books, not always stories.
- ❖ Model the reading process yourself by having your own book/ paper to read.
- ❖ Give lots of praise and encouragement.
- ❖ Keep up a regular dialogue with your child's teacher through the home/school reading book.
- ❖ Have fun!