



Reading at Home - Top Tips

1) CHOOSE A QUIET TIME

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. 10 to 15 minutes is usually long enough.

2) MAKE READING ENJOYABLE

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant. If your child loses interest then do something else and come back to it later.

3) MAINTAIN THE FLOW

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Allow your child to self-correct using their phonics skills. You can always discuss mispronounced words at the end of your reading time.

4) SUCCESS IS THE KEY

Struggling with a book with many unknown words is counterproductive because the flow is lost, the text cannot be understood, and children can easily become reluctant readers. If you feel like the books your child is bringing home are too difficult, think about reading it to them instead or please speak to their teacher.

5) VISIT THE LIBRARY

Encourage your child to use the public library regularly. Remember your child should also have 2 books from our school library.

6) REGULAR PRACTICE

Try to read with your child every day. Little and often is best.

7) COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns in your child's Home/School Diary. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading. We would love to hear the children's opinions of the texts they read and their progress.

8) TALK ABOUT THE BOOKS

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Being able to understand what has been read is just as important. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.