



# Engaging Boys in Learning at Home



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### Context:

The national attainment gap (those achieving a GLD) in the Early Years is currently 13% between girls and boys. At the Year one phonics check the gap is 7%, and 8% combined at KS1 SATS. The same is repeated again at KS2 SATS (8%) and currently 9% more girls achieve A\*-C than boys at GCSE level. At every assessment level, girls do better than boys.



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# Role Models



To be an effective role model does not mean you need to be the same gender or sex as the child. Instead, supporting them in their interests, showing them how to take risks and forming those relationships of trust are more crucial for children to see that both boys and girls can take part in the same activities with equal success.



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Language

beautiful



Speak positively about  
what the children  
around you are saying  
and doing...

tough

kind

brave



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Follow interests...



How can some  
maths or  
writing or  
reading  
happen here?



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# Follow interests...



| Activity   |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Battle ships   |   |  |
| Writing  | Reading   | Maths  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Find out and write about different classes of ship</li><li>- Write a sea battle story</li><li>- Write the different jobs and what they entail on an aircraft carrier</li><li>- Historical battle</li><li>- Create an ideal ship!</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Research books about the Royal Navy</li><li>- Titanic</li><li>- News stories about new ships - biggest ships - cruise ships</li><li>- Shipbuilding</li><li>- Historical battles &amp; ships</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Coordinates</li><li>- Maps</li><li>- Compare directions</li><li>- angles and bearings</li><li>- Wars - (of ships) - Top Trumps</li><li>- Measurements of length etc</li><li>- Directional language</li></ul> |



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# Homework



Do something active  
before beginning:  
E.g. Discuss the work  
during an active game or a  
jog or walk.



# Reading

## What do we know about boys and their reading?



Boys are less likely to talk about what they are reading so try to find ways to chat informally about a news story, magazine, book or film...

Boys choose different books to girls and tend to go more for humour, science fiction, action, even horror!

With these facts in mind, **MOTIVATION** and **ATTENTION-GRABBING CONTENT** have to be the top priorities if you want to get your son to read – and stick with it.

Boys' interest in a topic really does seem to make a difference to their understanding so it really is worth choosing books that match their interests and hobbies.

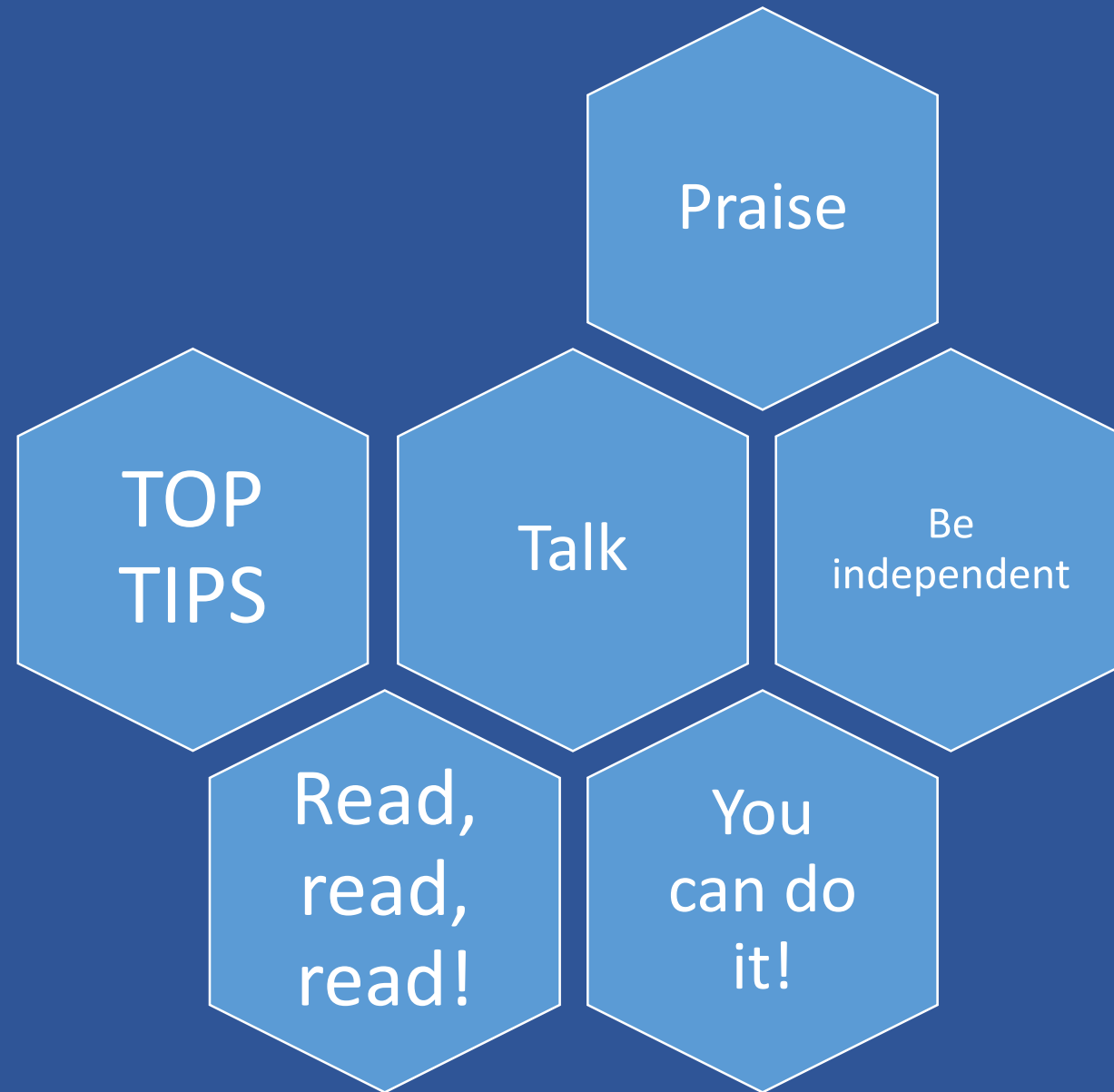


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Thank you  
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