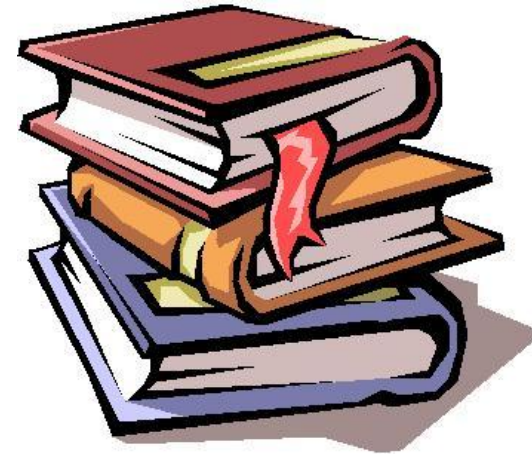




# ***Helping your child read at home***

## **Top tips to make your home a reading home**

- Make time to read, maybe read a bedtime story every night or chat about what your child is reading.
- Talk about the pictures and please do not cover them up. Talking is very important in learning to read.
- Put magnetic letters on your fridge and make words – feel and movement are important in learning words.
- Join the local library. Your child will love visiting and choosing books there.
- Read in any language you speak at home. The important thing is that your child reads.





## Helping your child read



1. Let your child hold the book and turn the pages for himself. Get him to point to the words with his finger.
2. If your child makes a mistake let him get to the end of the sentence before saying anything. See if he corrects it himself.
3. If your child is stuck, **give him time to think** before helping (6-10 seconds). Tell him to try these things:
  - look at the first letter of the word,
  - say the sounds and read the word (works for **c-a-t** but not for words like **said was they**)
  - think what would make sense
  - encourage your child to read the sentence again and have another go




If you know the child cannot work the word out from the text then TELL him the word. Don't let him struggle.

4. **Praise your child** - "Well done - you knew it didn't make sense and you went back and put it right" or "I like the way you read that with good expression and used the full stops to help you."

Little and often!



Better a good, enjoyable 10 minutes than a half hour struggling!

| Before Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | During Reading<br>(Do not ask too many questions during reading – just as appropriate)                                                                                                                                                                                     | After Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Tell your child the title of the book, pointing to the words.</li> <li>📖 What can you see on the front cover?</li> <li>📖 What do you think this book is going to be about?</li> <li>📖 Who is in the story?</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 What do you think is happening here?</li> <li>📖 What might this mean?</li> <li>📖 What do you think will happen on the next page?</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Which was your favourite part of the book?</li> <li>📖 Where does the story take place?</li> <li>📖 What would you have done?</li> <li>📖 How do you know he was kind/nasty, happy/sad?</li> </ul>  |