



READING AT HOME - SOME ADVICE FOR PARENTS

P1 - P3



- Don't expect your child to know every word.
- Don't worry if your child occasionally misreads a word.
- Don't bring competitiveness and comparisons with other children into your child's reading.
- Keep reading time relaxed, comfortable and pleasurable, in a quiet place with the television turned off.
- Be positive about your child's reading. Praise them when they do well and help if the book is difficult.
- Be positive about reading and talk to your child about what you read.
- Share a love for books/texts.

READING ALOUD

If your child is finding a word tricky, first try to:

- Sound out all the letters separately, then blend them together
- Look at the first letter or letters
- Break the word into syllables
- Look at the last letter

WORD ATTACK STRATEGIES				
Look closely	Sound it out	Blend it together	Read the word	Check - does it sound correct?

The link below illustrates sounding out/blending:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5w_Q

- Look at and talk about the cover of the book before you read - what might it be about?
- Ask personalised questions about the book to your child - Do you remember when you...?
- Use picture clues from the story.
- Check their understanding of the context by asking literal questions, e.g. Where was the boy going? What did the girl ask for?
- Use different voices when reading.
- Use actions when reading to make it more engaging.
- Encourage their prediction skills - what is going to happen next?
- Re-read the books or chapters - this really helps to build self-confidence.
- Ask your child what they liked / disliked about the story.

The following websites give some guidance in choosing age and stage appropriate books to read with your children:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/>