

Top-tips for Reading!

Below are some tips to help your child with their reading:

- Book talk-plot, setting, problem, resolution
- Use of context
- Use of pictures
- Use of letters-sounds to decode meaning.
- Punctuation-full stops, commas, speech marks
- Segmenting words-break the word up into sound parts e.g. bl -a- ck.
- Find words within words.
- Prediction e.g what do you think is going to happen?
- Maintain the flow
- Prepared read- give children a section to prepare at home to read.
- Shared read
- Expression
- Talk about the books- personal response-compare with other novels, author style.
- Be positive- If a child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

Success is the key - Being anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly mean that a child a book has a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they we are wanting. Remember 'Nothing succeeds like success'. Until a child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.