

Reading at home

Please encourage your child to read every day at home. Many children have been out of a regular routine over the last few months and it is important that we all work together to help them catch up as much as possible.

Your child will be sent home with an appropriate reading book suitable for them. If your child feels their reading book is too hard you can encourage and support them in different ways to build confidence.

- Make reading fun!
- Praise all efforts, no matter how small.
- Act out the story; add actions to the words, use different voices, add expression to your voices. You could even make puppets of the characters.
- Encourage your child to sound out the words to help them read it. If they get it wrong it doesn't matter, just help them by saying the sounds or the words correctly.
- Take turns reading the sentences / pages.
- Read the same book repeatedly every night for a few days / week. By repeatedly reading the same story, your child will build up their confidence and think 'I can read this' and be more fluent through word recognition.
- Can they point out the tricky words? (the words that are not spelt phonetically – children have to learn to read them by sight eg. The, my, go etc
- It is not always necessary to read the whole book, just 5 minutes a day reading a few pages is better than nothing. You can continue where you left the following day.
- Above all, if your child is reluctant to read, simply read it to them and make it an enjoyable experience.

Ideas to promote understanding and comprehension

- Talk about the front cover and pictures – Where is the title? What do they think might happen in the book? Can they explain why they think that? What do they think might happen next?
- What words are used to describe settings / characters? What other words could be used instead?
- What was your favourite part of the book? Why?

**The more your child practices reading the better they will read,
the better they learn and the more successful they will be.**

Have fun reading and please feel free to ask any questions via dojo.

Thanks, Class 1.