



Reading at home

Enjoying a book with your child at home is one of the most important things you can do with your child as they start school. Reading every day will help your child's speaking and listening, understanding of language and their writing.

Where to find books to read

In the classroom-there are books available in your child's classroom that your child can take home to read.

At the library-library membership is free, our local library is at Woodgreen near the outdoor swimming pool. This is a great way of reading lots of different books without the cost of buying them.

WWW. Love4readingforkids.co.uk-this website has recommendations for specific age groups. It is updated each month and you can look at extracts of the books they recommend.

Charity Shops-often have a great selection of picture books that are in good condition and can cost as little as 60p.

Supermarkets-often have recent releases at a specially reduced price or on offers of 3 for 2.

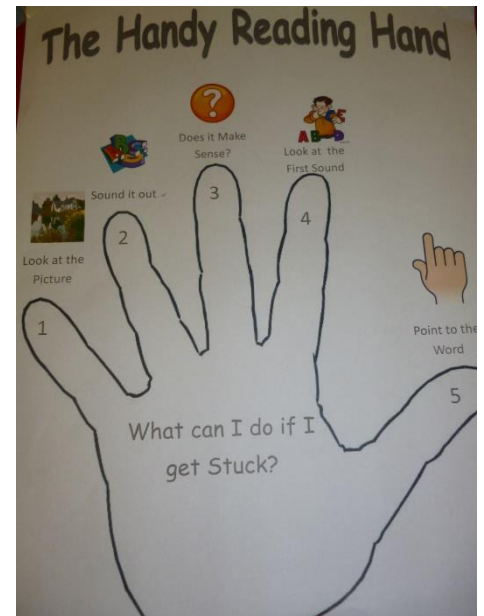
Some tips for reading with your child

Once is never enough! - Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems as well as their school reading scheme book. Re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately.

Dig deeper into the story - Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think he did that?" etc.

Take control of the television - It's difficult for reading to compete with TV, DVDs and computer games. Encourage reading as a distraction free activity.

Be patient - When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind the child to look closely at the first letter or letters in the word. You could also get them to look at the pictures. Encourage your child to read on or read again to see if they can understand the sentence. Use the reading hand to help you.



Pick books that are at the right level - Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

I read to you, you read to me - Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Children enjoy this special time with their parents.

One more time with feeling - When your child has sounded out an unfamiliar word, ask him or her to re-read that sentence. Often children are so busy figuring out a word they lose the meaning of what they've just read.

