

Parents Guide to Helping your child to



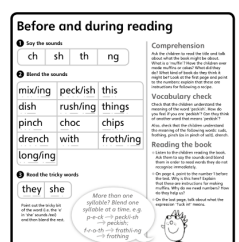
Reading is so important and reading at home can really help a child make progress in all areas of their learning. Here are some ways you can help your child at home.

Make it part of your child's routine

Choose a time in every day to read with your child; try to choose a time where your child is awake and enthusiastic. If they are tired they may find it difficult to concentrate and it will be hard work for both of you! Choose somewhere nice and quiet with no distractions. You only need to read for ten minutes at time. Make reading achievable so short bursts are better than trying to read a complete book.

Phonics

Your child's reading book will be linked to their phonics level in school. The books will contain words which are **decodable** which means your child can sound them out. The books will also contain **tricky words** which are the words your child just has to learn by seeing them lots of times. They will have been learning all of these phonemes(sounds) and tricky words in school.





Tricky word
my

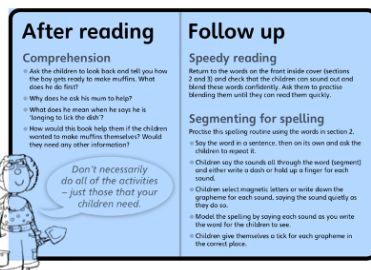
Decodable words
h/o/t - hot

Your child will come home with a list of tricky words so you know what words they should be able to read. Encourage your child to sound out the words - **i/t** it **g/e/** **t/s** gets **w/o/t** - then blend them together to make the words. You could read it back to them so they can hear how the sentence sounds when read fluently.

Talk to your child about what they have read

After your child has read the book you can sit and discuss the book together. Ask simple questions about what they have read - **how was the character feeling...? What happened at the end of the story? What was your favourite part of the story?**

There are examples of questions at the back of the books to help.

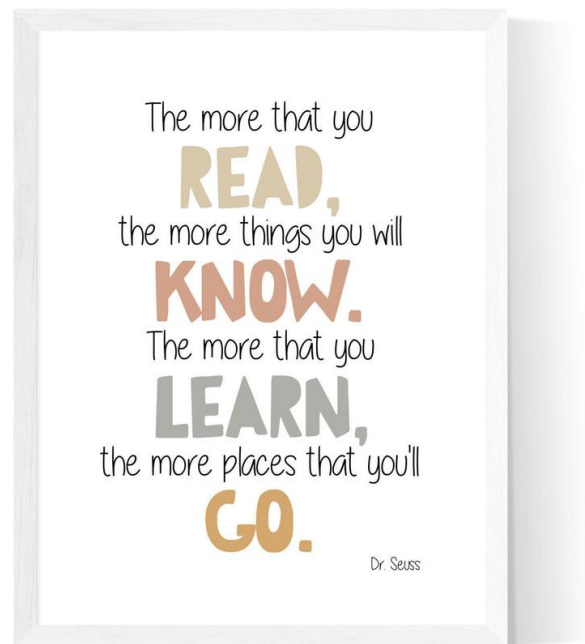


Make reading enjoyable

We want to instil a love of reading in our children at school and we want it to be a pleasurable experience for you and your child. Have fun with it and enjoy it.



Enjoy bedtime stories together; the more stories your child reads the more likely they will be to choose to read a book by themselves.



If you need any support do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.