

## KS2 Reading Guidance for Parents



Research has shown that children who enjoy reading for pleasure have better reading and writing skills, a wider vocabulary and even an increased general knowledge and understanding of other cultures.

But with so many other activities competing for children's time how can you continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure?

Here are some tips to support your child in reading:

- Model reading at home. Let them see you read at home, it doesn't matter if it's a newspaper, cookery book, manual, magazine, anything!
- Listen to your child read, share the reading. Talk about it. Show you have an interest in their reading by recording comments and any concerns in the reading diary.
- Encourage children to join in with reading at home, read out a recipe as you cook or the TV listings.
- Give and encourage others to give books or book tokens as presents.
- Visit the local library together on a regular basis, enjoy choosing books together.
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again.
- Encourage your children and friends to swap books – that will get them an opportunity to talk about their reading.
- Let your child subscribe to their favourite magazine.
- To develop comprehension skills ask questions about the text. Why did you choose this book? Summarise what's happened so far. What might happen next? What sort of character is .....? How would you feel if .....? What are the highs and lows in the chapter?

If you keep a commentary with us through the Reading Diary we can help support your child with reading and enable them to read for pleasure, our ultimate goal.

Examples of comments:

"Tom is struggling to read for any length of time what can I do?"

"Share the reading. Read a page each to get a sense of what's going on. Tell me how you get on."

"James only likes non-fiction. Should I force him to read a story book?"

"No, he's reading and enjoying it. But you could read some short stories to him or suggest an autobiography!"

