

KS1 Reading Guidelines for Parents KS1



Reading is probably the most important element of your child's learning in Primary School. It opens up a whole new world of understanding, feeling and imagination. If your child reads for pleasure they are far likelier to succeed in all other areas of learning. Here are some basic guidelines for reading at home. If you show pleasure for reading and find the time to share lots of reading activities you are giving your child a head start.

- Choose a time and place which suits you both so that you feel comfortable. Read regularly each day when your child is not too tired or distracted.
- Read to them if they do not want to join in. Do not force participation. Or read alternatively, a line or a page.
- Encourage your child to point to each word from below. They can 'sound out.' Look at the beginning of the word, the middle and the end.
- Never sound a 'sight' word e.g. said enough. Just say these are tricky words we have to learn.
- Use the context. Does that make sense? Use the picture to help you. Read past the word and look for clues.
- Don't let them struggle, fill in the words to maintain the flow of the story.
- Ask your child what will happen next. Talk about the events and characters.
- Make sure you write a comment in the reading diary. This is the best way to communicate with the teacher. It also shows your child how highly you value reading. Ask for advice or tips if you are having problems with reading at home.
- Read to your child as much as you can. There is nothing better than snuggling up with a book.
- Use your local library together.
- Model reading at home e.g. Kindle, newspapers and magazines.
- Make reading a pleasure.