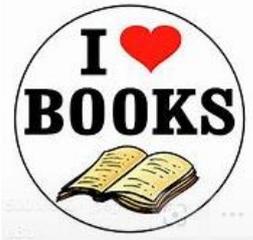




## Reading At Home:

### Top Tips!



#### Quality Time

Pick a time of day where you can both devote all your attention and time to each other and reading. Ten minutes of quality reading together, on a regular basis, is far better than reading for longer when you both are distracted. Make this time a special time!

#### Talk!

Before you read, chat about what has happened so far. What have you both liked? Who is your favourite character and why? What do you expect to happen next? Does this story remind you of a film or another book you've come across?

#### It's Only Words...

- If your child is struggling to read a word, get them to "sound it out" and break the word into its component sounds e.g. "playing" would be "p l ay i n g" then you blend it together.
- Explore words your child doesn't know together – tell them the meaning and put it in a sentence or even refer to a dictionary!

### It's just like what we do at school...

We are constantly asking your child questions about what we are all reading and here are some that you could try at home when reading together to replicate the level of thinking we practise in school – why not try sharing your answers to them too?

Who is your favourite character and why?

What words/techniques has the writer used to make this place seem scary/exciting/magical?

Based on what we've read, what do you think will happen next?

What do you think the author wants you to think/feel after reading this section? What clues have you seen that make you so sure?

What word would you use to describe this person/place? Why is that?

What has just happened on this page? Can you summarise it for me?

### Beyond a book!

- **Reading Role Models!** Children are great imitators (as we all know!). Why not let them catch you reading for pleasure at home? It doesn't have to be a novel; it could be a recipe book, a non-fiction book, a newspaper or magazine!
- **If you can, visit The Local Library!** If you're not already a member, why not sign up at your local library and make regular trips together there to try out new books or magazines? Libraries are great places to relax, unwind and discover a new story! Failing that, book websites like [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) and <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/home> often have special offers on books and even a "used and new" section where you can get books at affordable prices.
- **And Finally...** why not find out about other books by an author your child likes? If there is a film version of a book, why not watch it together before or after sharing the book? If you're stuck for what to read next, why not log on and sign up to (its free!) [lovereadingsforkids.co.uk](http://lovereadingsforkids.co.uk) – it features books reviews by young people as well as downloadable extracts to see if the book is the right one for you!