

## Help!

As a school we are very aware of the other pushes and pulls that mean children often do not choose to read as part of their daily routine. So often, as adults, we don't have time to model our own love of reading either.

Research indicates that reading for 20 minutes per day exposes children to 1.8 million words a year! A pupil who reads less often is clearly at a disadvantage both in their reading fluency and their vocabulary development.

### Top Tips for supporting your young reader:

- **Set aside some time**  
Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
- **Ask your child to choose a book**  
Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Sit close together**  
Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book**  
Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- **And lastly, above all - make it fun!**  
It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

### Want New Reading Material?

A really good place to start is: [schoolreadinglist](#) or [lovereadng4kids](#)

Visit local libraries – the staff there have a really good knowledge of children's books, which books are popular and which are enjoyed by children.

**If you need any specific support with reading, please speak to class teachers; they will be able to guide you.**

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