

Year 1

Let your child hold the book when you read. They will want to point to the words and pictures and pretend to read. This will help your child to learn how we read books.

- When you read picture stories ask your child to talk about what is happening in the pictures. Ask them what they think will happen next.
- Make reading fun; give different characters voices and use actions to show what is happening.
- Tell your child stories without books and encourage them to make their own stories (about their toys).
- Ask your child to talk about which books and stories they like and also the ones they don't like. Ask them why and talk about what you think.
- Ask your child to point out and read any words that they know in books.
- As your child becomes more confident ask them to follow the words when you are reading to them.

Look at favourite family photographs with your child and talk about them.

- Make a scrapbook with your child. Stick photos, pictures and items into the book and write down what your child would like these items to say. Read this scrapbook with your child.



Year 2

At this age your children often read lots of different things such as stories, information books, comics, magazines, the internet, newspapers, leaflets and flyers. It is really important that children read all sorts of things. Encourage this and praise your child.

- Listen to your child read in a quiet place.
- Try to make your child feel good about their reading. Praise them when they are reading and let them see that you enjoy reading too.

Talk about the main characters in a story. Ask your child who is their favourite. Ask them who they don't like in the story.

- Talk about pictures that your child finds interesting. Ask them to talk about what is happening in the picture. Ask them to imagine who the people are. What do they think happened before and after the picture?
- Talk to your child about their favourite books and book characters. Talk about what happens in them.
- Talk about the main characters and what they are like.
- Talk about the most exciting part or the saddest part.
- Ask your child to tell you why they enjoy the book so much.

Types of Reading

What your child will read at school.

Examples of fiction reading

Newspapers	Dictionaries	Websites
Magazines	Teletext	Instructions
Leaflets	Emails	Recipes
Reports	Maps	Menus
TV guides	Adverts	

Examples of non-fiction reading

Electronic games	Funny stories	Romantic stories
Horror stories	Graphic novels	Mystery stories
Adventure stories	Traditional and fairy tales	Myths and legends
Comics	Picture books	School stories
Poetry	Fables	

Some of the things your child may read at home

Comics	Magazines	Menus
Flyers	Leaflets	Websites
Newspapers	Instructions	Recipes
Sports Reports	Electronic games	Birthday cards
TV Guides	Books	Texts
Emails	Programmes	Adverts
CD-Roms	Maps	Art Work
Picture Books	Novels	



Why is reading important and how can you help your child?

In this leaflet, you will find some great ideas to help you to support your child with their reading. The ideas and activities are grouped by age.

Try to make reading as much fun as possible. It is important to read with your child as often as you can in a quiet place.

Talk to your child's class teacher for more ideas and help. Visit your local library with your child or our fabulous new academy library.

Help them to choose books to read together at home. Borrowing books from the library costs nothing. Staff will be able to help you choose the best books for your child.



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A reading home...

- Encourage older children to read to younger members of the family.
- Make sure your child sees you reading. Read alongside your child and talk about what you are reading as well as asking your child about their reading.

In the kitchen...

- Read and talk about the words on cereal packets, labels.
- Read recipes and follow them with your child. Ask your child to read what ingredients you will need and what you will need to do to make the food.
- Write and read shopping lists together then look for the items in the correct place in the supermarket.

Reading on your travels ...

- When you are out and about point to words in the local area and read them with your child. Point out shop names, road signs, street names, food packaging, adverts etc.
- Collect a list of your favourite reads, your top ten or top five. Share them with your child. They could be favourite magazines, stories, websites etc.
- Play 'I spy' when you are with your child. Go through the alphabet seeing if they can see something which begins with a given letter, 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with p...'



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help your child
to read
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