

Tips:

Here are some ideas for **hearing** your child read their **home reading book**...

- Encourage them to have a go.
- Praise their efforts.
- Point out where to stop at full stops and how to add expression when characters are speaking.
- Don't forget to discuss and explain the meanings of new words.
- Read regularly for **short** periods of time.

If they are getting stuck on a word, encourage them by saying...

- Take your time and have a go.
- Can you use phonics to sound out the phonemes and blend them?
- Can you chunk the word by splitting it into parts that you can read?
- Can you read on to the end of the sentence to help you to work out the tricky word?
- Do the pictures help you to work it out?
- Finally, does the sentence make sense? If not, reread it to check it

Praise their efforts.

- I like the way that you...
- Well done for...



Reading at Home

For practising reading at home, your child(ren) will be bringing home one of the following each week:

- A Reading Planet digital eBook that can be accessed from a tablet or a computer at home. Your child(ren) will have their own log in. To access reading planet please use the following link: [Rising Stars - Login \(risingstars-uk.com\)](https://www.risingstars-uk.com). Please also see our Virtual Learning Platform to find out more information about Reading Planet.
- A reading book linked to their Phonic Phase and book Band e.g. Pink, Red Yellow.....

We are buying a new range of exciting reading books, so watch this space!

- They will also be bringing home a library book for you to read aloud to your child, enjoy and talk about. This will be a book that they have chosen by themselves to enjoy and is likely to be above their reading ability. For more information and tips please turn over.

Ask questions when you are reading together:

- What do you see on this page?
- How do you think the characters feel?
- What do you think is going to happen next?

When you have finished, talk about how your child feels about the book:

- What did they like?
- What didn't they like?
- Was there anything that puzzles/confused you?
- Were there any patterns in the story?
- What can they remember about what happened?
- Who was their favourite character? Why?
- Link the story to their own experiences. Can they remember when they did something similar?

Most importantly, HAVE FUN!



Good luck and have fun!

Sharing a school library book with your child

There are loads of benefits when **YOU** read to your child:

- Bonding with your child. Reading provides a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to connect
- Practising listening skills
- Accelerates your child's cognitive and language development
- Expanding your child's vocabulary
- Increases your child's attention span
- Creativity
- Life lessons
- Accelerates social and emotional development

Remember it's not just stories...

You can enjoy time together learning about any topic: - space, elephants, food, countries, dinosaurs, football, unicorns, everything!

How should I read to my child?

- Try to bring the book to life - talk about characters, the pictures and everything that's happening so that they can capture the story in their imagination
- Don't be afraid to try different voices and show off your acting skills. This will encourage your child to enjoy the story
- Remember, your face says it all - exaggerate your normal expressions. Your child will LOVE it.
- Emphasise repeated words and phrases and encourage your child to join in with them
- Turn off the TV so you can your child can concentrate on enjoying the book
- Try audio books - they are perfect for you and your child to listen to