How to help your child with reading: KS1

- Choose a quiet peaceful time to read together.
- Make it fun; maybe put on voices! You could even act the story out!
- Read everything and anything out loud eg recipes, signs, ingredients, comics, on the iPad, etc.
- Read to your child as well as hearing them read.
- Hear your child read little or often: 5 or 10 minutes a day.
- Ask them to use their phonics to blend unknown words, eg c-a-t, cat or sh-ee-p, sheep. (The phonics phase they are working on is shown in the front of the reading record; usually phase 2, 3 and 4 are taught in Reception, phase 5 in Year 1 and phase 6 in Year 2.)
- Can they use the sentence to work out the meaning of an unknown word?
- Can they read tricky words on sight?
- Talk to them about the story and ask them questions.
- Ask them about their understanding eg what happened when…who did that…
- Ask them questions where they have to work out the meaning, eg, Why do you think the character felt like that? What do you think will happen next and why?
- Ask them what they think about the story, did they like it or not and why?