How to support your child with READING

Reading should be an enjoyable experience for you and your child. Whatever they enjoy reading should be encouraged – children who read regularly at home progress quickly and it helps them in school with all aspects of learning.

- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards – discuss the plot, the characters, their feeling and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.

- Look up definitions of words together – you could use a dictionary, the internet or an app

- All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides.

- Visit the local library – and don't forget to look at the audio books.

- Let your child see you as a good reading role-model. Take advantage of opportunities to share a text and read to your child (a text that is normally above their reading capability).

Helping your child practise and learn their words lists and spellings is vital to helping them read fluently.

Apps

Used as a complement to physical books good reading apps can help children learn to read and practice reading.

Some suggested apps to use:

Mr Thorne Does Phonics: Letters and Sounds

Kids ABC Phonics

Teach you monster to read

Big Cat. It was a cold, dark night.

CBeebies Story Time.

Pocket Phonics

Squeebles Spelling Test

Reading Eggs Learn to Read

Oxford Owl

Tale of Tales