



# Home Reading



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Dear parents / carers

**Each school night your child is encouraged to do some reading.** This may be a book selected from the classroom, a library book or one of their own from home. Please sit with your child and listen to them read or read to them if the book is too challenging.

**Most importantly, home reading needs to be a pleasant experience for you and your child.** Here are some tips for success:

- Choose a time that fits in with your family routine – try to keep to the same time each night
- Turn off the TV and find a quiet spot to sit down with your child
- Be positive and enthusiastic about reading – make it a special time for being together
- Before reading, always talk about what you think the book is going to be about, look at the pictures and chat with your child about what you both see – this helps enormously with their understanding of the book
- Remember if the book is too difficult for your child to read, then read it to him/her
- It's OK to read the same book more than once
- When your child is stuck on a word
  - Pause (Give them some think time)
  - Prompt (Give them a clue e.g. Look at the picture)
  - Praise them for having a try
  - If after a few seconds they do not know the word, tell them so that they can keep on reading (Waiting too long will interrupt the flow of their reading and they will lose the meaning)
- When you have finished reading, chat some more about what happened in the book
- Praise your child for reading and remembering to bring a book home

**Write the book title that you and your child have read in your child's diary and sign it.**

If you find your child is not bringing a book home to read or you have any concerns at all, contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

**HAPPY READING!**