

Reading at home

Why?

'Reading for pleasure has been reported as being more important for a child's educational success than family background.' (Clark and Douglas, 2011)

Children who read for pleasure see benefits both for educational purposes and in their own personal development. (Clark and Rumbold, 2013)



What?

Anything and everything! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual or food packaging, even the subtitles on the television! Although, the most enjoyable way to read with your child is to share a fiction or non-fiction book! There are so many available so take a trip to the local bookshop, charity shop or library to choose together.

Some ideas to get you started are available here. [Best children's books - Year Group Recommended Reads \(booksfortopics.com\)](http://booksfortopics.com)

We also have readers available through Oxford Owl [Free eBook library – practise reading with phonics eBooks - Oxford Owl](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

Where & when?

Anywhere and everywhere! Establishing a cosy and nurturing environment in the home is

always a safe space to read. Although, a bedtime snuggle or a mid-afternoon read on the sofa will work – or when out and about at a café or on a park bench.

Ask questions and talk about the book.

- Tell me about the main character in the story?
- Where are they in the story?
- What is happening?
- Does this story take place in the past, present or future? How do you know?
- What problem was the main character facing? What are they going to do about it?
- How does the character feel?
- What is the character thinking? How do you know?

How?

If your child makes a mistake, praise them for their effort in answering and suggest what you think the answer could be e.g 'Great idea, I think it could be...'

Encourage Curiosity About Vocabulary: As your child reads books, explain challenging words or find out the meaning together.

Remember: there is no right or wrong as long as you are reading together!

