# 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)
We also have readers available through Oxford Owl Free eBook library – practise reading with phonics eBooks - Oxford Owl

## 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.

## How?

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?

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!

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