

Reading at home with your child Top tips – before, during and after reading:

Remember, try to avoid a pressurised environment around reading. The following ideas might be helpful in understanding what we do in school and the skills involved in reading, but the most important thing is to develop an enjoyment of reading. We can teach reading skills in school. We want your support in encouraging independent reading and in engaging in your child's reading.

- Try to build this into your daily routine.
- Have a quiet, comfortable space your child (and you) can read in.
- Read with your child and read in front of your child.

Before Reading

If it is the first time your child has read the book, look at the cover and title with them to predict what they think the book might be about.



Make links to other books read with similar themes, the same characters and/or similar authors/illustrators.

Give them time to flick through the book and read the blurb.

During Reading



Encourage children to track the words with their finger or use a reading ruler.

Help the children to decode (read) the words and ask them about the meaning of more challenging words.

Ask children about the content of what they have read – who, what, where, when, why, how?

