



**Mrs Richmond's tips on supporting your child when reading at home.**

- Turn off the TV and reduce any distractions so they don't have to filter out noises to focus.
- *During the early stages, read the book to your child.*
- Look at the front cover together. Discuss the picture. What do they think it will be about?
- Point to the title and tell them what the book is called.
- Encourage your child to turn over each of the pages (they will find it tricky at first).
- Point to the words as you read them out loud to help them understand the correspondence between what you are saying with the words written on the pages.
- Talk about the pictures as you go - what is happening? How is the character feeling? How do they know? What do they think might happen next?
- When you come to the end of the book recap what it was about. Ask if they can remember what happened first. How did it end? Did they have a favourite part? Did they enjoy the book? Why/why not?
- Pick a random page in the book - remembering the phonics they have been learning in school (& in their phonics homework books), pick a sound for them to find on the page. If they can't remember what it looks like, write it for them to help them recall it.
- Look inside the front cover of your child's reading record for strategies to help them as they move up the book bands.

