

TALK ABOUT THE STORY TOGETHER

Reading is about understanding as well as decoding words. Talking about the story helps to develop your child's comprehension skills.

- **Ask simple questions** about what is happening in the story and why.
- Encourage your child to **make predictions** about what might happen next.
- **Talk about the characters' feelings** and discuss why they may have acted in a certain way.
- Ask your child to **retell** parts of the story in their own words to check their understanding.
- **Listen carefully and show interest** in what your child has to say.

Remember: Reading together is not just about getting to the end of the book. Talking about stories helps children become thoughtful, confident and enthusiastic readers.

What If My Child Gets Stuck?

Give your child time to work out the word independently.

Encourage them to use phonics to sound out and blend.

Remind them to reread the sentence to check it makes sense.

If they are still unsure, tell them the word and move on.

MAKE READING PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE

ALL READING COUNTS

- Let your child see you reading books, magazines, recipes or instructions.
- Visit the local library together and choose books your child is excited about.
- Read signs, menus, labels and information when you are out and about.
- Encourage your child to talk about the books they enjoy.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO KEEP READING POSITIVE, RELAXED AND ENJOYABLE. CHILDREN WHO ENJOY READING ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BECOME CONFIDENT, INDEPENDENT READERS

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READING TOGETHER:
BUILDING CONFIDENCE,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Why is reading at home important?

- Reading at home helps children become more **fluent and confident** readers.
- Regular reading **develops vocabulary** and improves communication skills.
- Talking about books helps children strengthen their **understanding and comprehension**.
- Reading supports learning across the curriculum, not just in English.
- Sharing books together encourages a **love of reading** and fosters a positive attitude towards learning.
- Just 5-10 minutes of reading each day can make a **significant difference to a child's progress**.
- Reading together provides valuable **quality time and creates positive memories** around books.
- Children who read regularly at home are better prepared to succeed in school and beyond.



MAKE READING TIME SPECIAL

- **Enjoy reading** with your child and make it a positive experience.
- **Share stories together** and talk about the characters, events and settings.
- **Praise your child's efforts** and celebrate their successes, no matter how small.
- **Read little and often**. Even a few minutes each day can make a big difference.
- Keep reading **relaxed and enjoyable**.
- Create **happy memories** around books and help your child develop a lifelong love of reading



PHONICS FIRST: SUPPORTING EARLY READING

Use phonics to decode words saying the sounds and blending them together to read the word.

- Your child will bring home a **fully decodable reading book** that matches the sounds and words they have been taught in school.
- Encourage **use of phonics knowledge** rather than guessing.
- Use **pure sounds** when helping your child (for example, say 'm' not 'muh'). Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc> for examples of how to pronounce sounds correctly.
- Give your **child plenty of thinking time**. Wait at least 10 seconds before offering help.
- **Prompt, don't tell**. Encourage your child to look at the sounds they know and blend them together.
- **Celebrate progress**.

1 **Pause**



2 **Prompt**



3 **Praise**

