

DIG DEEPER INTO THE TEXT

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

- **Talk to your child** about what they are reading and encourage them to explain their ideas.
- **Ask questions** that make them think, such as Why do you think the character acted that way? or What do you think will happen next?
- **Discuss** characters, themes and events.
- Encourage your child to **support their answers with evidence** from the text.
- **Talk about new vocabulary** and explore the meaning of unfamiliar words together.
- Ask your child for their **opinions** about the book and whether they would recommend it to others
- **Listen carefully** and value their ideas, helping them to become thoughtful and reflective readers.

Reading is not just about turning the pages. Talking about books helps children develop stronger comprehension skills, think critically about what they read and gain a deeper enjoyment of reading



What if My Child Gets Stuck?

When they come across an unfamiliar word, encourage them to read around it and use the context to work out its meaning.

Remind your child to break longer words into smaller parts to help them decode and understand them.

ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENT READING

READ FOR PLEASURE

- Encourage your child to read every day, even for just 10-15 minutes.
- Let them choose books that interest them.
- Talk about what they are reading and show an interest in their opinions.
- Celebrate reading as an enjoyable hobby, not just a school task.
- Use the school '20 Books' scheme as an incentive to read a wide range of books.

CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO READ REGULARLY WHEN THEY ENJOY IT. HELPING YOUR CHILD FIND BOOKS THEY LOVE IS ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO DEVELOP A LIFELONG READING HABIT.

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READING TOGETHER:
BUILDING CONFIDENCE,
ONE PAGE AT A TIME



THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Why Is Reading at Home Important?

- Reading regularly helps children become **fluent, confident and independent readers**.
- Strong reading skills **support learning across all subjects**, not just English.
- Reading widely **develops vocabulary** and helps children communicate their ideas clearly.
- Books expose children to new experiences, cultures and perspectives, **broadening their understanding of the world**.
- Regular reading **strengthens comprehension skills**, helping children explain, infer and analyse.
- Just 10-15 minutes of reading each day can make a **significant difference to progress and achievement**.
- Reading at home encourages a **lifelong love of books** and positive attitudes towards learning.



DEVELOP A LOVE OF READING

- Encourage your child to **read for enjoyment**, not just because they have to.
- Help them **find books that interest them**, whether that's adventure stories, mysteries, comics, magazines or non-fiction.
- Talk about what they are reading
- **Make time** for reading at home, even if it is only for a short period each day.
- **Let your child see you reading**, showing that reading is something adults enjoy too.
- **Celebrate reading successes**
- Encourage your child to **try new authors and genres**.
- **Visit the library together** and give your child opportunities to choose their own books.



BUILDING FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION

Encourage your child to read independently **every day, even if only for 10-15 minutes**.

- Talk about the **meaning of new vocabulary** and encourage your child to use these words in conversation.
- **Rereading a sentence or paragraph can help improve understanding** if something doesn't make sense the first time.
- **Reading aloud** occasionally can help to develop fluency, expression and confidence.
- **Praise perseverance** when texts become more challenging. Learning to tackle difficult words and ideas is an important part of becoming a skilled reader.
- Encourage your child to **read a range of texts**, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, newspapers and magazines.

