

Paired Reading

Paired reading is when an adult and child read aloud together the words of the book. If your child is finding reading difficult paired reading is a good way to read together at home.

How can you help?

Here are some tips on paired reading:

- Look through the book sent home from school. Talk about it together.
- You start reading. Ask your child to point at the words as you read.
- After a couple of pages ask your child to read aloud with you.
- If your child makes a mistake, point at the word and say it correctly then read on together.
- If your child feels confident he/she might like to do some reading of their own. Let your voice fade out so that only your child is reading.
- If they hit a difficult part, start reading with them again.



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Reading at home with your Child



If you require further information or advice please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Reading with your Child

When children find reading difficult they may not enjoy reading to you. This can become stressful for both you and the child and it can prevent your child from wanting to read at home.

How can you help?

Here are some tips on how to make reading more enjoyable for you and your child:

- Choose a time to suit you both. Just before a favourite TV programme is never ideal!
- Try to read with your child regularly, but be realistic! Three times a week can be enough to make a difference.
- Decide with your child how long you are going to spend reading. Five minutes might be quite enough for both of you.
- Before reading a book, spend some time looking through it and talking together about the pictures.
- Share reading with your child. You could start off, and then take turns reading a page each.
- Try not to be critical. No child makes mistakes on purpose. PRAISE encourages your child to try their best.
- If there's enough time, let the child re-read the book. This second reading gives them a chance to read more confidently.



Talking about books

Talking about books helps children understand what they have read and makes reading more interesting. It can be as important as hearing your child read.

How can you help?

Here are some tips on what to ask when talking about books:

Before reading talk about:

- The cover (title, author, pictures)
- What you think the book is going to be about?

During reading talk about:

- What has happened so far?
- Why do you think that happened?
- What will happen next?

After reading talk about:

- Was it a good ending?
- What did you both think of the book?
- Which part did you like the best? Why?

Helping your child read



Helping your child with reading at home helps them to make more progress at school. Children love parents to take an interest in what they are doing and your help can make a BIG difference! If you can help them practise the skills they have been taught at school they are more likely to remember them.

How can you help?

Hearing your child read can be quite stressful especially when they make mistakes. It is important to try and make this time together enjoyable and successful. Here are some tips to follow when your child brings home a book to read to you:

- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.
- Read the first few pages to your child.
- Then let your child read on their own.
- If your child can't read a word, give them a few seconds to work it out. Working out how to solve tricky words is very good reading practice.
- If your child works out the word, praise their success.
- If your child can't work out the word, praise them for trying.
- Tell them the word and ask them to repeat it.