

Reading At Home



Dear Parent/Carer,

Reading at home every night is an expectation we have of all children in Year 3. Please encourage your child to read every night for at least 15 minutes and then sign their journal.

How to encourage your child to read

Visit your library - it's free to join! As well as taking out story books, use visits to the library as a time to find books and CD ROMs about your child's hobbies and interests.

Don't just read books. Encourage your child to read newspapers, TV guides, comics and magazines. Ask your child to find out information from the Yellow Pages, the Internet, cookery books, etc.

Make time to read. Set aside a time for reading for the family - after school or before bedtime. Encourage independent reading but don't be afraid to still tell a bedtime story.

Keep books safe. Make your child their own special place to keep their books in their bedroom.

Let your child read with younger children. Encourage them to read to other members of the family.

Read yourself - Show a good example by talking about the reading you do at work and at home. Let your child know that reading is an important part of your life.

If English is not your family's first language: You can buy dual language books. You can talk about books and stories in any language.

How to help with reading

Be positive! Praise your child for trying hard at their reading. Let them know it's all right to make mistakes.

Ask lots of questions about the story. What would you have done if you were.....? Does this book remind you of any thing that has happened to you? Can you guess what is going to happen next?

Give them time. Let them make a guess before you tell them the word. Let them read to the end of the line before correcting their mistakes. It doesn't matter if you have to tell them the word sometimes.

Spot words inside words. Help them to spot words they know within longer more complicated words.

Make the story come to life. Encourage your child to read with expression. This will help them read more fluently.

Use a dictionary. Buy a simple dictionary and use it to check the meanings of new words.

HAPPY READING!

Mrs Colenso and Mrs Cox