



How to Support Your Child with Reading

Reading is more than just saying the words!

At school, we focus on developing:

- Fluency – reading with pace, accuracy, and expression
- Comprehension – understanding what the text means
- Vocabulary – learning new words and their meanings
- Automaticity – reading without having to stop and sound out every word

A shorter book doesn't mean it's too easy! It means your child is practising reading smoothly and confidently, using their voice and understanding.

How You Can Help at Home?

- Listen to your child read every day
- Encourage them to use expression and reread tricky parts
- Talk about what's happening in the story
- Think of synonyms (e.g., happy → joyful, glad, delighted)
- Use new words in their own sentences

- Ask questions like:
 - What happened in the story?
 - How do you think the character feels?
 - Can you think of another word for 'big'?
 - Can you use that new word in a sentence?

The goal isn't just to finish a book — it's to become a confident, expressive, and thoughtful reader.

Finding the Right Books for Your Child

Recommended Reading by Year Group

You can find book lists and recommendations here:

- BookTrust: www.booktrust.org.uk
- Oxford Owl: www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- LoveReading4Kids: www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk
- National Literacy Trust: www.literacytrust.org.uk

These sites suggest books that match your child's age, interests, and reading stage.

Top Tip:

Encourage a mix of books:

- Familiar ones for fluency
- New ones for challenge
- Non-fiction to build knowledge
- Poetry for rhythm and vocabulary

Reading Together Builds a Love of Reading

Sharing stories, talking about words, and showing enjoyment helps your child grow as a lifelong reader

