



Tips for reading with your child

- ✓ Make sure you are both relaxed and comfortable during the reading session
- ✓ Encourage your child to read with **expression**
- ✓ Discuss the meaning of difficult or new words
- ✓ **Ask questions** about the characters, the plot, the ending of the book and whether your child enjoyed it. If your child is not enjoying a story, stop reading it and discuss this with them.

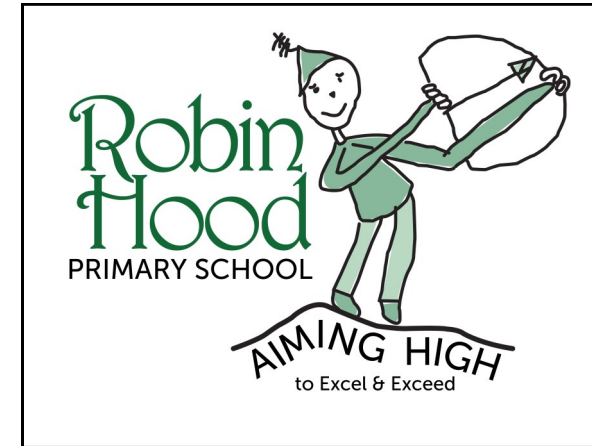


- ✓ What do they think might happen next?
- ✓ Encourage talk about **favourite authors** and **illustrators**
- ✓ Try and make sure your child reads a range of different books and text types—**comics** and **magazines** are often enjoyable to share.
- ✓ **Model the reading process yourself** by having something visible that you are reading yourself or by reading a shared book at home to your child
- ✓ Give lots of **praise** and encouragement
- ✓ Keep up a regular dialogue with your child's teacher through recording reading in your child's Learning Logs/Reading Passport.



- ✓ **And have fun!**

Support your child to develop their love of reading!



A quick guide to: Reading at home in the Early Years Foundation stage



Developing a love of reading

It is very important that reading is supported at home so your child learns to read for pleasure, as well as to gain a lifelong skill.

- ✓ Taking the time to talk to your child about the books they choose
- ✓ Listen to them reading aloud regularly
- ✓ Read books aloud to your child



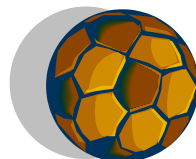
The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple!

Fathers' reading habits can have a substantial influence on their children's ability to read, their levels of interest and their reading choices!

Many children love reading comics, magazines, newspapers, information books and poetry. All of these reading activities should be encouraged. Visiting the local library together is also a nice way to access a variety of books.

Why not share a joke book, magazine, sports report or letter?



Our Expectations

- ✓ Reading passports- Nursery (Foundation 1)
- ✓ Learning Logs- Foundation 2
- ✓ Children will be encouraged to develop their love of reading at home by looking at anything that interests them and that you can enjoy sharing together.

What resources and support are available?



We have a huge range of reading books available in Foundation and Key Stage 1 to guide your child on their journey to becoming a fluent reader. Many of these books are from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Lots of resources to share with your child that link to their books can be found at www.oxfordowl.co.uk

Your child will have at least one reading book sent home with them. Please record any reading that you do at home in your child's learning log and sign it. The learning log is also a useful way for you to let the school know that a book needs changing because it has been read at home.

Southglade Library and Nottingham City Central Library often hold fantastic events during the school holidays. It is also worth checking out the book shops in the city for events, competitions and promotions.

