

# Read with me!

## Why Read?

Your child is starting to read for themselves but they still need your support. By encouraging your child to read to you everyday at home, being an enthusiastic listener and talking about new words and their meanings, you'll help them to develop their reading skills.



## Reading tips

- Use books in a variety of situations and match them to what your child is doing and interested in. You could take a book about insects to read when you're at the park, or read recipe books when cooking.
- Make up voices for the different characters in a story, take on roles of the characters.
- Point to words and grammar as you read. By pointing out the speech marks, your child will understand why you use a different voice when they appear. Identify features when you feel is appropriate to avoid spoiling the flow of the story.
- Encourage children to use their phonics to sound out simple words in stories you read together. Children will be able to recognise sounds and may be beginning to blend words together.
- Read poetry and stories that rhyme and pause so your child can say the rhyming words.
- Let your child listen to audiobook stories. You can borrow audio books from your local library.
- Visit your local library and help your child to find out information about something they're interested in such as animals. It's free and easy to join and children can have their own library card.
- Point out words and phrases on shops and signs when you are out and about. Children can recognise familiar words really quickly.
- Let your child see you reading, show them you are a reader too!



Thank you for your ongoing support. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Miss Jones (Early Reading and Phonics lead) if you require any further assistance.

We're always here to help.

# More tips...

- Make up a story together while you're in the car or on a bus. Take it in turns to add to the story and try making it funny or spooky.
- It's great to introduce new stories and your child may have school reading books but make sure you still read your old favourites together. Your child may enjoy retelling the story to you!
- Create a book with your child by folding pieces of paper in half and encouraging them to write letters or words on each page and add their own pictures.
- Read wordless stories to develop your child's communication and language skills. Develop their imagination through storytelling from pictures .



## "What I Like"

- To read books and join in when you read to me.
- To hear about myself and my family in a story, especially if it's funny.
- To catch you out when you make a mistake in a story I know well.
- To learn new vocabulary in books we read together.



## "What I can do"

- Read words and use my knowledge of phonics to sound out words I don't know.
- Understand stories and make up my own, based on stories I know.
- Tell you what might happen next in a story.
- Answer questions like "what would you do?"