



Paired Reading



Reading

- Reading is one of the most important skills we ever acquire. Being able to read opens the door to a new world of experience and learning.
- Children need as much support as possible from home and school in order to acquire the skills needed in reading. The role of parents as well as teachers is vital.



Why is reading so important?



Why Paired reading?

Paired reading is a tried and tested way that you can help a child with reading. Research shows that paired reading can encourage children to read more independently and become more positive about reading in general.

As a reading partner you can be an excellent role model for a child. You can help them gain a better understanding of what they are reading by asking questions and talking about what you are reading.

Paired reading allows reading to take place even when you are unsure of phonics sounds.



Before Reading...

Do:

- Sit somewhere comfortable where you can both easily see the book.
- Make sure you have enough time so you don't have to rush
- Make sure your child isn't too tired.
- Make sure there is as few distractions as possible.
- Do make sure your child's favourite TV programme isn't on.
- Do make sure reading glasses are on if needed.

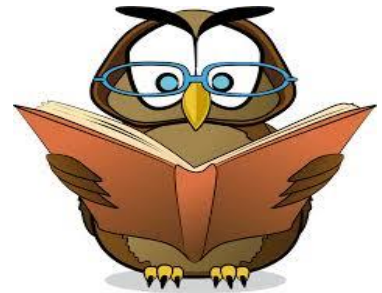


What to read...

Choose a selection of books and get the child to pick one

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Use the child's reading book.



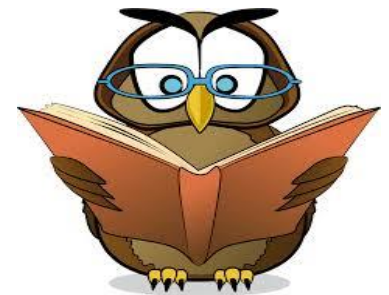
The process...

- Parent and child look at the book and discuss pictures and read the blurb.
- Parent and child read the book together. Parent may read first and child follow
- If there are any errors by the child say the word correctly, then get the child to repeat the word, continue reading together
- When the child is confident allow to continue reading alone.
- Parent praises the child for signalling then remains silent while child reads
- The child reads alone out loud.



What to do with a mistake...

- If your child makes a mistake, give them about 5 seconds to put it right. If they don't manage to correct the word say the word for them and ask them to repeat it back to you. Then continue to read together.



Praise

It is important that the praise is meaningful. For example they have put expression in their voice, they have tried to decode a really tricky word

Praise can be verbal 'Well done', physical eg nod of the head, stickers etc.

In school star points can be given by the class teacher.

