



Supporting Reading

There are different types of child readers. Each need their own type of support These include:
Emergent- Just beginning to learn how to read, Struggling- Children who find reading difficult,
Reluctant- Children who aren't interested in reading and More Able- Children who are reading above their age-related level and need challenge and extension.

Supporting emergent readers

Use the 5 key strategies

Look closely at the front cover, title and blurb and encourage your child to make some predictions.

Look at the pictures and talk through the book first, generate some enthusiasm and excitement about the book.

Reinforce the key strategies before reading, use the picture cue to help.

-Model how to sound out words that your child is stuck on and use pictorial cues.

-Congratulate them and give lots of praise.

-Tell them that you 'love to hear them read'



Inspiring reluctant readers

- Bring books to life! Act them out, create models of scenes,

paint the characters make a home movie version of a book, retell favourite stories without the books, go on real 'bear hunts', link books to outings and special events like holidays or trips to the zoo

-Create a special collection of your families favourite books
 -Join the local library and visit it regularly

-Suggest books for your children to read, 'This was my favourite when I was little'

-Keep anxiety levels down and make it fun

-Build confidence with lots of praise 'I love listening to you read!'

Praise all attempts, even unsuccessful ones!

Take turns to read if a book is becoming a struggle

Challenging more able readers

-Encourage them to keep a reading journal

-Subscribe them to their favourite magazine or a children's newspaper as a special treat

Never stop reading to them Or listening to them to read!

-Ask them complex comprehension questions after and during reading sessions.



Helping Struggling readers

-Use the 5 key strategies

Keep anxiety levels down

-Take turns to read

-Build confidence with praise

-Avoid blame

-Read to your child

-Praise all attempts, even unsuccessful ones

-Use technology to inspire and motivate (see reluctant readers)

5 Key strategies to help your child to read unknown words

1. **Phonics or 'Sounding out'.**
Encourage children to identify the sounds in words and blend them.
2. **Learn tricky words** Have lists around your home and a tin of words that your children frequently struggle with
3. **Use the pictures**
4. **Use the context**
Miss the word that is tricky and come back to it at the end of the sentence
5. **Break words up into syllables or 'chunks'** e.g. 'cat-er-pil-lar'

Great websites and apps

www.storyjumper.com

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk

www.wordsforlife.org.uk

www.wetellstories.co.uk/

Apps

- Hairy phonics
- The joy of reading
- Me books
- My story
- Cbeebies storytime
- Tale of tales
- Yuri and the flying squid
- iMovie

"Reading with your child can instil a lifelong love of reading... Parents are the first role models for their children. If you want your child to be a reader, you need to show them how to do it." Jeanette Wallis

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