



Home Reading books

If possible try and hear your child read for at least 10 –15 minutes every day

The **Home reading book** should be easy for your child to read. If they are struggling with it please make a note of this in the reading record for the teacher.

Make sure you let your child hold their book and turn the pages themselves whatever level they are reading at as this is an important reading skill.

If your child is reading **pink/red level books** it will help them if they point to each word as they read.

If your child is reading from **yellow level upwards**, please encourage them not to point as it could slow down their fluency.

Give your child praise for the things they do well when reading.

“ I like the way you sounded out that word to work it out.”

“ I like the way you broke the word up into chunks to read it .”

(e.g. sh-e-ll)

“ I like the way you used the pictures to help.”

“ I like the way you read that part of the story, as you were using your talking voice.”

You can prompt them by asking them to

- Sound out a word they are stuck on
- Ask them to use the picture
- Re read a word or a sentence if it didn't make sense
- Encourage them to read on and then go back to a word they were unsure of
- Ask them to used their ‘talking voice’ to make the story sound interesting

At the end of the book you can ask them to

- Tell you what the story was about. Who was in the story ?
- If it was an information book, what did they find out ?
- You could ask them to tell you about their favourite part of the book .