

IF YOU READ JUST ONE BOOK
PER DAY TO YOUR CHILD FROM
BIRTH, THEY WILL HAVE BEEN
READ 1825 BOOKS BY THEIR
5TH BIRTHDAY.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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Supporting your child with their reading.

Sharing a book is one of the most rewarding things you can do with your child. You can discuss things that you like about a book and see if your views differ to those of your child, link experiences in stories to things that may be happening in your lives or experiences you have had. It also helps you check whether your child understands what they are reading. This is crucial in developing the ability to read for meaning. *Being able to read the words fluently and not understanding what is happening or the meaning of words, does not always build a successful reader in the future.*

It is understandable that there is a concern about transmitting the Covid-19 virus by touching surfaces and the potential risk posed by materials moving between households and the classroom. However, we are taking steps to minimise the risk. We will send home reading books once a week (on a Friday) and they will need to be returned to school by Thursday so they are isolated for 72 hours before being sent out again.

If you have any School books at home please could they be returned as soon as possible.

Questions to ask your child when reading:

Before reading the book:

- What do you think this story will be about?

What might happen in the story?

During the reading of the book:

- What has happened so far? What might happen next?

Is it what you expected to happen?

- How do you think the story might end?

At the end of the book:

- Did you like this book? Why?

(Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)

- What was your favourite part? Why?

- What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?



Top Tips

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| *Be positive | *Turn off the TV | *Give them time |
| *Ask questions | *Listen actively | *Give lots of praise |
| *Don't read for too long - be aware of your child's mood | | |
| *Remind your child that it's OK to make mistakes | | |
| *HAVE FUN! | | |