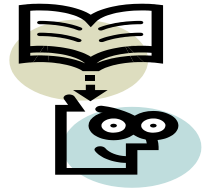




Reading with your child



We always ask you to hear your child read and thought perhaps we should offer you some ideas how! After the end of a school day most of our younger children are excited about doing something they choose to do! It's a very busy life, so here are some tips which may help.

- Choose a time when your child naturally wants to sit down. After dinner, after a hot drink, after swimming . . .
- Sit in a comfortable place where your child likes to be.
- Talk about what is happening in the pictures throughout the book.
- Ask your child if they like a character and why.
- If you like drama, perhaps see if you can act out a part of the story together.
- If your child gets stuck on a word, try sounding through the letters, or read on to the end of the sentence. The unknown word might become clearer as it will make sense to the meaning.
- Pretend that you didn't understand the story very well and ask your child to retell it to you in their own words.
- If your child enjoyed the story, encourage them to read or retell it to somebody else.
- Ask your child to scan the page for a particular word.
- Ask your child to scan the book for the words that describe . . . for example: the treasure chest.
- Point out questions/exclamation marks and how they should change their voice. Have fun trying to say the same line in different ways!
- Tape your child's reading session and play it back. Children love to hear the sound of their own voices!!

We hope that this will help make reading an enriching and enjoyable time for you and your child. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need any further clarification.