



## Reading at Home

Learning to read is one of the most important skills that your son or daughter will learn in school. We want them to be able to enjoy reading and see it as a pleasurable leisure activity, as well as a means of finding out things. Although your son or daughter may be an independent reader, there are still things you can do to support their reading at home.



### How to help good readers



**1. Set a good example** by reading yourself.

**2. Reading together.**

Some independent readers may still enjoy reading together or listening to stories. As you share books you are helping to improve your son or daughter's reading skills and also showing them how important and enjoyable reading is.

**3. Visit your local library.** All libraries have children or teen reader's sections.

**4. School reading book and reading diary.** When pupils become fluent readers they often want to read in their heads and you should not insist on too much reading aloud. However, you can still help by talking to them about what they read for example, discussing the plot, characters, important parts of the story, what they have learnt from the information, about their feelings as they read a story. Encourage them to think about the way the book has been written; the layout and the illustrations.



**Reading is not just about fiction books. Encourage your son/daughter to read**

- Rhymes and poems
- Non-fiction e.g. 'A Day in the Life of a Footballer.' Boys particularly enjoy reading non-fiction.
- Comics
- Magazines
- Shopping lists
- Catalogues e.g. Argos (a particular favourite for some pupils)
- Instructions or recipes
- Television guides
- Sports reports
- Newspapers
- Information books
- Manuals
- Travel brochures
- Emails
- Websites
- E-books
- Graphic Novels

