

*'The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'*  
*Dr Seuss*

Dear Parents/Carers

As reading is such a vital skill to learn, we have created a list of ideas for you to help your child with reading and develop their love of books. There is no particular order to the suggestions. We hope that you can use this list to inspire your children.

*'Once you learn to read, you will be forever free'*  
Frederick Douglass

Make reading part of a daily routine.

Let your children see you reading.

It's never too early to start.

Read aloud to your child.

Make books a part of family life.

Find out what your child interested in, encourage them to follow their interests. Read about something they are interested in.

Take a look at the pictures in a book, talk about them, what is happening, can they tell you the story from the pictures?

Ask questions about the book: What is going to happen next? Could there be a different ending? Where is the book set? Which is the main character? What happens in the story? How do the characters feel?

Have fun with reading: Use different voices, read in different or unusual places, set yourself and your child some challenges.

Use audio books.

Remember, there is no right or wrong in sharing a book.

Give books as presents.

Join your local library and visit it regularly.

Get other members of family involved in reading to or listening to your child.

Get comfortable when reading.

Create a reading area or den.

Make reading part of the bedtime routine.

Read whenever you get the chance.

Use a finger or book mark to

Read a variety of materials, books, magazines, poems, riddles, rhymes, comics, recipes, newspapers, pamphlets.

Read favourites again and again.

Make the most of rhyme and repetition.

Play word games.

Get your child to retell the story in their own words.

Make a connection between the reading and real life.

Ask your child to tell you what the author was trying to teach us or tell us.

Ask your child what they enjoyed about this story/what their favourite part was.

Ask your child to describe the main character of the story.

Ask your child what the main character did in the story.

Ask your child if they can connect the story to something in their own life.

Ask your child about where and when the story takes place.

Ask your child about what they would have done if they were the character.

Reading should be fun, not a frustration.