

Reading at Clarendon Road

- We expect all our pupils to read at home every night for around 10 minutes and don't forget to sign the reading record book.
- Reading at home is celebrated in school with Spirit of School rewards, star slips and class rewards.
- Children in Key Stage One read their home school reading book in school at least once a week. This can be with the teacher, teaching assistant or Year 6 reading buddy.
- Children also take part in weekly guided reading sessions as part of a group.
- It is important that children LOVE reading. Book areas in school offer a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books for children to choose and enjoy.



Reading at Home



Parent Booklet

General Strategies to Support Your Child with Reading at Home

- Talk about the book with your child before reading – you could introduce any words to them that you think they will struggle with.
- Children read new words using their phonic knowledge, by sounding them out. Encourage your child to do this without telling them the word e.g. ch-i-p, s-i-t, th-e-m.
- If your child is finding a book difficult, don't ask them to sound out every word - focus on words you know that your child can sound out.
- Vary how you read with your child, sometimes reading with them (paired reading) or take it in turns to read a page each.
- Draw your child's attention to repeated words – encouraging them to read them by sight, instead of sounding out.
- Encourage your child to talk about what they are reading as they are going along, not just at the end – can they predict, comment on it, explain what's happening?

Supporting an Independent Reader at Home

Independent, confident readers still need your help!

- Try reading the same book so you can discuss it.
- Ask them to read a page aloud and ask them questions about it.
- Encourage them to ask you if they come across new words.

Foster a Love of Reading

- Read stories, poems and a range of texts aloud to your child.
- Let your child see you reading for purpose and pleasure.
- Visit the library / bookshops to choose books together.
- Encourage reading with older/younger siblings and friends.
- Use stories on CDs.
- Follow your child's interests.

Questions to Ask

Recall Questions

Where does the story take place?

Who are the characters in the book?

Where in the book would you find...?

Simple Comprehension Questions

What do you think is happening here?

What happened in the story?

What might this mean?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

What part of the story do you like best?

How do you feel about.....?

Can you explain why....?

Opinion Questions

Did you enjoy the story?

What was your favourite part and why?

What would you have done, if you were that character?