

How to help your child when reading at home...?

Wordless books

- Allow your child to turn the pages of the book and describe what they see in the pictures.
- Take it in turns to tell a page of the story.
- Did they enjoy the story? Why? What was your favourite part?
- Ask your child to point to different things on the page e.g. Can you point to the boat? Can you find the tree?



If your child can blend sounds to make words...

- Do not ask your child to guess the word by using the pictures.
- Ask your child to sound out the word. Avoid telling them a word they are struggling on – patience is key!
- Ask your child to look for 'special friends' in the word – These are sounds written with more than one letter e.g. sh th ay
- Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving – your child's energy is going into reading the words and not the story.
- Praise your child when he or she succeeds – Well done ___ You have tried really hard.

If your child can read with speed and accuracy...

- Choose one or two words on the page to discuss their meaning.
- Ask them questions throughout, about what they have just read.
- Talk about whether it is a fiction/ non-fiction story.
- Ask them to summarise the book at the end.
- Praise your child when he or she succeeds – Well done ___ You have tried really hard.



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