

Tips For Reading Unfamiliar Words.

- Sound out the word, saying the letter sounds (not the alphabet name) and then blend them together.
- Read on to the end of the sentence and think of a word that fits.
- Look for picture clues.



Questions To Ask To Develop Comprehension Skills.

- Use questions that encourage your child to think.
- How do you think the character feels?
- Why do you think he / she did that?
- How would you feel if you were that character?
- Why has the author used that word?
- When is the story set?
- How is this story similar or different to other stories that you have read?
- How do you feel about this story? Why do you feel that way?

Helping Your Child To Read



At Yorkmead we follow the Rigby Star Series of Books for Guided Reading. We also use Bug Club books and e-books. In addition, for assessment we use the ORT scheme.

Top Tips To Support Reading At Home

10 Tips on Hearing Your Child Read

As parents you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read.

Here are some suggestions on how you can help to make this a positive experience.

1. Choose a quiet time

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.

2. Make reading enjoyable

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant. If your child loses interest then do something else.

3. Reading unfamiliar words

If your child gets stuck on a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead encourage children to use different strategies to help them to read the word. (See overleaf)

4. Be positive

If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

5. Information Books

Not all children enjoy reading stories. Your child may have an inquisitive mind and prefer finding out facts. This is a great way for children to develop their reading and comprehension skills, so access to information texts is important.

6. Visit the Library

Encourage your child to use the public library regularly. This is a great way for children to access a wide range of books and it is free.

7. Regular practice

Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best. Teachers have limited time to help your child with reading.

8. Communicate

Your child will most likely have a reading diary from school. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

9. Talk about the books

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

10. Variety is important

Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.

