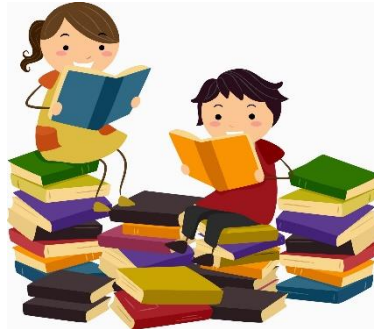


Reading at home – Top tips for Parents of children in Reception



This is a crucial time in your child's development. Reading will be fundamental in your child's education and you have a key role to play in their future! Please enjoy this special opportunity and share books with your child.

Choose a quiet time

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes a day is usually long enough. Encourage your child to sound out and read the words when reading their book. As your child becomes more confident at sounding out the words in their book they will begin to recognise many of the words by sight. Use the sound squares sent home with your children's reading books to build words. You can build the words on the word lists sent home with each new set of sounds your child is given.

Reread stories

Reread your child's favourite stories as many times as your child wants to hear them. Choose books and authors that your child enjoys.

Talk and ask questions

To help your child develop their vocabulary, talk to your child as much as possible about what they are doing. Stop and discuss the meaning of new words that maybe unfamiliar to your child. Ask questions when you are reading together, such as 'What can you see on this page?', 'How do you think the characters feel?' and 'What is the story about?'

Look

Look at the pictures and talk about them. For example, 'Can you find a bird or a cat?', 'What else can you see?', 'What are the children playing? Have you played that before?'

Reading mornings in Beech Class Wednesday 8:30 – 8:50

Reading mornings are every Wednesday. We would love to see you all come and share a book with your child. Please make the most of this time and come and join your child in their class. Please feel free to ask the early years team any questions you may have about reading when you attend.

Visit

Visit the local library together. It is fun choosing new books to read. Keep an eye out for special story events at the library or local bookshops that you can join in with.

Please see below a list of websites to help your child with their reading and phonics at home.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk (age 4 to 5 reading)

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

<https://www.sounds-write.co.uk/resources/the-sounds-write-app/>

Remember!

Please read with your child for 10 minutes a day and write in their reading diary.

Please build words from the word list with your child using the sound squares sent home.

Please read the high frequency words sent home with your child once a day.

Many thanks

The early years team