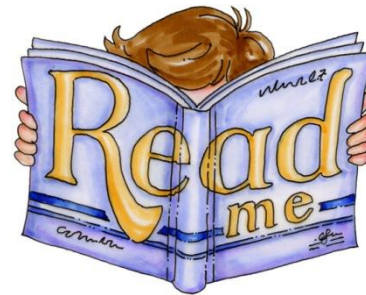


TIPS FOR READING



"A HOUSE WITHOUT BOOKS IS LIKE A ROOM WITHOUT
WINDOWS."

HEINREICH MANN (1871-1950)

- Read to your child as often as possible.
- Talk about the book before you read- discuss the cover, make a guess about what the story may be about, point out the title and who the author is.
- After reading talk about your favourite moment, favourite character, the pictures, what was your favourite picture, did the story remind you of any other books you have read.
- When appropriate over time introduce words like illustrations, author etc.



- When reading together try to do it in a quite but comfortable place.
- Vary the types of books you read together.
- Sometimes children who may begin to struggle with reading can benefit from listening to stories, maybe on CD or the internet as they follow along with the book.



- As children progress to recognising more words they can read with you.
- Let the child read the words they know and if they reach a word they are unsure the parent should take over reading.
- Join the library- it's a much cheaper way of keeping your child in reading material.



BENEFITS OF READING TOGETHER

- Reading and talking about reading/books helps develop oral language skills and a wide bank of vocabulary.
- It improves listening skills and concentration.
- Reading develops imagination and creativity which benefits writing later on in school.



RECOMMENDED AUTHORS/ BOOKS

- The Gruffalo Books and similar (The Smartest Giant in Town, The Snail and the Whale) by Julia Donaldson.
- Anything by Martin Waddell e.g. Owl Babies, Farmer Duck, The Pig in the Pond, Can't You Sleep Little Bear .
- Jill Murphy's series about the Large Family e.g. Five Minutes Peace, All in One Piece, A Quiet Night In.
- Titles by Anthony Browne like Gorilla, Willy The Wimp



- Tiger Who Came to Tea, the MOG series by Judith Kerr.
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen.
- Authors for later;
Michael Murpurgo, Anne Fine, Roald Dahl, Jeremy Strong, Judi Curtin, Marita Conlon Mckenna, Jeff Kinney, Francesca Simon, Megan McDonald, Mary Pope Osbourne, Lauren Child, JK Rowling.

