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Reading Tips



How can I support my child with reading?

- If you want your child to read more and seek out books, they must **want** to read. Forcing them to read will only make it a **chore** (and we know how we can put off doing chores because we have to do them!) Don't treat reading as a chore – treat it as a treat and something relaxing and fun to do. It will then sound like an appealing option.
- Practise what you preach – **read more yourself** and be seen reading. Your child will then see reading as something enjoyable if you choose to do it in your spare time too.
- Your child doesn't just have to read the lengthy classics. **Autobiographies, newspaper articles, comic books and graphic novels** can improve their vocabulary and lead them into reading longer books.
- If your child finds a book that **they really like, find more like it**. Get books by the same author or from the same genre. The Book Trust has created a list of what to read after finishing some popular novels: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/what-to-read-after/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=3>

The website School Reading list has recommended books for each year group:

www.schoolreadinglist.co.uk

Check out our school reading lists too.

- Get them reading on their phone with apps such as the Kindle app, BBC News app and the Guardian app.
- Read a book as a family that has been made into a film, and then have a movie night.
- Create somewhere cosy and comfy to read in the house (like a reading corner) that they want to go and sit in.
- Listen to audiobooks in the car or download the Audible app on their phone to listen to. By subscribing to Amazon Audible, you can get a free audiobook each month. There are also other Audiobook apps available. Your child might prefer to listen to a book, but get hooked on one and will seek out the sequel to read.
- Going on holiday? Find a book related to the place that you're going to (a guidebook or a story set in that place.)
- If they want to learn how to do something, find a book that will tell them how!
- If they admire a celebrity or are interested in a particular person from history, read their autobiography.
- Talk about books. Perhaps read the same book as your child so that you can discuss what you liked/disliked about it. It will give you more ideas about what to recommend for them next time.
- Challenge them! Why not encourage your child to take on the reading challenges set in English lessons? (The 40 book challenge where they have to read 40 books a year, or Reading Bingo where they have to read a variety of different books to fill in the squares for prizes?)