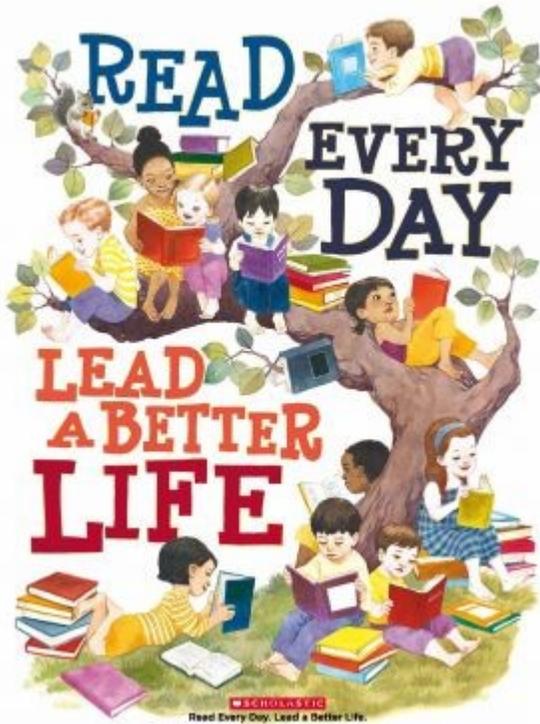


READING



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If your child is finding it tricky...

- Look at the pictures first - chat about what you can see.
- Find letters they know - maybe the letters in their name - say the sounds (phonemes)
- Notice any words they know.
- Read together, and re read the tricky bits back
- Take it in turns to read, or read a page each.
- Spell out unknown words using the letter sounds (phonemes)
- Play little games - can they beat you at finding different letters / objects in the pictures? Take it in turns to guess what happens next.
- Give lots of praise



Remember - the more you read together the easier it will become!

Questions you could ask...

- What do you think this book is about?
- What can we see on the front cover?
- Who are the characters in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Which illustration is your favourite? Why?
- Who is your favourite character? What do you like about them? If you could be in this story - who would you be?
- Has this story got a happy ending?
- What do you think might happen if the story continued...





READING FOR PLEASURE!

Here are some top tips to make sure your child enjoys reading:

- Be a good role model – let your child see you reading, and enjoying your reading, to show that reading at home isn't just for homework.
- Provide things to read that they can choose from in their own time. Books, magazines or comics – the more reading at home, the better!
- Talk about the books your child is reading. Ask questions.
- Be interested in the characters and storylines from their books to help build excitement for finding out more about the characters.
- However good your child is at reading still read to them! It creates a bond and a positive memory of reading.
- During reading – get into character and put on funny voices if it helps your child to enjoy the story. You could also try pretending to be a character at other times in the day!
- If during a reading session you both really enjoyed a book, reread it.
- Visit bookshops - let your child enjoy spending time looking at the fantastic displays and decorations the shops create to help children get involved in reading.
- Join in with events at your local library. Often libraries offer author events which can be great fun and inspire the children to read. Ilkeston library is on Market Street. Find out about local events at Ilkeston.library@derbyshire.gov.uk
- After school ask about the book they have brought home and show that you are looking forward to hearing about it.
- Encourage drawing, writing and games linked to books. This helps your child engage with stories and shows that learning to read isn't just about sounding out words.
- Try to make 'reading together time' a special time of the day. This helps your child to look forward to reading at home.



IF YOU READ WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME THEY WILL DO BETTER AT SCHOOL, HAVE A BETTER LIFE CHANCE AND ENJOY READING!

The National Literacy Trust produced a document called 'Reading for Enjoyment: A literature review' in 2016. They found that:

"Parental beliefs, attitudes and behaviours directly support their child's reading for enjoyment and have also been linked with higher reading scores and higher reading motivations."

How to Read with your child – Top Tips

Create a routine...

Get into a routine - read at the same time each day.

It can be bedtime, before school or after school.

Make time to read little and often...

Ten minutes a day makes a difference. It can be longer if they want to, it can be less if they are tired.

Prepare a reading environment...

A quiet space is best – no TV, brothers or sisters or pets making noise.

Be comfortable, in a place with enough light.

Praise and encouragement...

Encourage your child during the reading session and always praise. This makes it enjoyable

Your child will look forward to next time.

