



Eyrescroft Primary School

Help your child improve their reading

When teaching your child to read the first step is to help your child to recognise the sound that individual letters and groups of letters make. Children will then go on to read simple three letter words and ultimately more complex words containing multiple syllables.

At every stage of teaching your child to read it is important to continually encourage and praise them as they begin their journey towards becoming fluent and confident readers.

Ensuring that children understand what they are reading, at whatever level is essential as they learn to enjoy and appreciate the language used in whatever book or text they are reading.

Spending time with your child in a quiet place with a book or other text should be an enjoyable experience for both adult and child.

Below are some questions you could ask your child about the book they are reading in order to understand and appreciate it.

Recall

What did he/she look like?
What kinds of people are in the story?
What happened in the story?
Where did you find the information about...?

Layout/structure

Were you surprised by the ending?
How did you think it would/should have ended?
What is the purpose of the pictures?
Why have these words been made to stand out?
What is the sub heading for?

Links between texts

Can you think of another story you have read that have characters like this in?
What does this make you think of?
Has this ever happened to you?
What would you have done if it happened to you?
Can you think of another story with a naughty dog in?

Own opinions

Can you explain why...?

Do you agree with the opinion?

Explain your own opinion using information from the book..

Through whose eyes is the story told?

Which is your favourite part? Where was this in the book?

Is this a place you could visit? Why? Why not?

How did this character change during the story?

Choice of languages

What do these words mean? Why did the author choose to use them?

Can you see any interesting describing words in this story? Are there any more that the author could have used?

Which part of the story best describes the setting?

Why did the author choose this title?

We are very happy to advise any parent who is keen to help their child to read and enjoy books. If you would like any information about books that would be appropriate for your own child please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of staff.