

Top Tips for Reading with your Child

1. Listen to your child read for 10 minutes daily in a comfy place. If they don't want to read, take it in turns, or read to your child
2. Enjoy the book and talk about what you both understand about it
3. Encourage your child to look at the pictures or the whole sentence to figure out unknown words - don't let them struggle on a word for too long
4. Give plenty of encouragement to attempt unfamiliar words and always give lots of praise
5. Let them read the same book over and over again
6. Comment on what they enjoyed in their Reading Record: 'We loved this book, the main character is so funny!'
7. Make bedtime stories part of your daily routine

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Taking an Interest in your Child's Learning: Top Tips for Parents and Carers





1. **Meet your child's teacher.** Take opportunities to engage with your child's teacher about your child's progress.
2. **Get to know who's who at your child's school.** There are many people at your child's school who are there to help your child learn, grow socially and emotionally, and navigate the school environment.
3. **Attend parents' evenings and workshops.** Our school has termly parents' evenings and runs a range of workshops throughout the year. You can bring a friend to interpret for you or ask the school to provide an interpreter.
4. **Keep informed by reading the newsletter each week.** The newsletter is published on Fridays and is available on the school website.
5. **Find out how your child is doing.** Check your child's home-school book each day and use the book to communicate with the teacher when you are unable to meet in person.
6. **Make sure that your child completes homework.** Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done and handed in on time. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to learn, providing equipment that they need, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as electronic gadgets and television. Remember to offer your child support and encouragement.
7. **Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children.** What we say and do in our daily lives can help our children to develop positive attitudes towards school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners. Showing our children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school.
8. **Monitor your child's use of the Internet, of television and of electronic devices.** It is important that your child stays safe online and that you are aware of what they are doing and with whom they are communicating. This includes YouTube, Facebook, X-Box Live, Snapchat, Instagram and any other app that allows the children to chat online. Remember that many of these sites are age-restricted.
9. **Encourage your child to read.** Helping your child to become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help your child to succeed in school and in life. Reading helps children in all school subjects and, more importantly, it is the key to lifelong learning. Remember to take your child to the library on a weekly basis.
10. **Talk with your child.** Talking and listening play major roles in children's school success. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk, that young children begin to pick up language skills. It's also important for you to show your child that you're interested in what s/he has to say. Seek opportunities to develop your child's general knowledge and awareness of the world around them by watching the news, visiting museums and galleries and by reading a range of non-fiction books and newspapers.

