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Why read?

Research suggests that reading regularly impacts positively on the following:

- reading attainment and writing ability
- text comprehension and grammar
- breadth of vocabulary
- positive reading attitudes
- greater self-confidence as a reader
- pleasure reading in later life
- greater general knowledge
- better understanding of other cultures

The National Literacy Trust goes as far as to state that 'those who read more are better readers'.

So how can you help?

- 1) Encourage your child to share a book every night.
- 2) Talk about the books they are reading. Some helpful questions are included in your child's home-school book.
- 3) Note down the book you have read in their home-school book

Common questions:

Q) Is it ok for me to read to my child instead of them reading to me sometimes?

A) Of course, research suggests that children gain a great deal from being read to.

Q) Can we sometimes read our own books from home?

A) Definitely. It is good for the children to experience a wide variety of texts. Do try to read their school books regularly too though so that they can be changed.

Q) Our child prefers factual books, magazines or the paper - is it ok to read these?

A) Yes. We want children to enjoy reading (then they are more likely to read as adults)

Q) Do I need to write a comment in the home-school book each night?

A) No. You can just write the title of the text or sign the day. This then helps us to see if your child is reading. A comment is nice but not always necessary.

Q) Can my child read with brothers/sisters sometimes?

A) Of course. The most important thing is that they read daily. Adult support should however be offered as often as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.



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