



# **Ten Top Tips** **Help Your Child Read**

As parents you have an important role to play in helping your child to develop their reading. Research has shown children who read regularly succeed.

Here are our top ten tips to help your child read:

1. Set aside 20 minutes to sit with your child with no distractions and listen to them read.
2. Let your child choose the book, you will need to make sure it is not too difficult for them or they will struggle. Pick easier books to start with so your child can build their confidence and flow.
3. Be positive. Boost their confidence with positive praise for even the smallest achievement.
4. Be patient.
5. Keep the reading flow going. If your child makes a mistake, give them time to self-correct. It is also sometimes better to tell them an unknown word to keep momentum and interest going than make them sound it out.
6. Listen to your child read at least 3-5 times a week. Little and often will make a big difference.
7. Talk about what they have just read. Ask your child to tell you about the characters, what has happened so far, what they think will happen and what their favourite part is.
8. Encourage your child to read a wide range of materials: magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, comics as well as books.
9. Ask your child to read aloud material which interests both of you, like a newspaper article about your favourite activity, a recipe you are trying to make or a review in the TV guide.
10. Visit your local library to look for new books to read.

**Your child will be completing Reading Projects each term at school. Please follow the links below to check the details of the project:**

[\(Link to Year 7 reading project – Autumn Term\)](#)

[\(Link to Year 7 reading project – Spring Term\)](#)

[\(Link to Year 8 reading project – Autumn Term\)](#)

[\(Link to Year 8 reading project – Spring Term\)](#)

**You may also find the following reading lists useful to help your child select books appropriate for their age:**

[\(Link to Suggested Reading list – Year 7\)](#)

[\(Link to Suggested Reading List – Year 8\)](#)