

Reading Workshop 10.11.21



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Aims of the session

- ▶ To help you understand how children learn to read and the skills they need.
- ▶ To help give you strategies when helping your child at home.

- ▶ By reading with your child, you;
- ▶ Stimulate imagination
- ▶ Help develop language
- ▶ Help develop communication skills
- ▶ Demonstrate that reading is important



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Reading requires two skills

▶ Word reading

- ▶ Phonics and word recognition
- ▶ The ability to recognise words presented sentences and texts
- ▶ The ability to blend letter sounds (phonemes) together to read.

▶ Understanding

- ▶ The ability to understand the meaning of the words and sentences in a text.
- ▶ The ability to understand the ideas, information and themes in a text.
- ▶ If a child understands what they hear, they will understand the same information when they read.



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Early reading Phonics



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Older readings - building fluency

- ▶ Learn questions words who, what, why, when, how?
- ▶ Read questions,
- ▶ Pick out key words.
- ▶ Skim text to find the answer.
- ▶ Use pictures to find clues.
- ▶ Re-read text to check for sense (relating back to their phonic skills).



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Be a great role-model!

- ▶ Find time in the day to read yourself.
- ▶ Let your children see that you get pleasure from reading.
- ▶ Share favourite books/reading material with them.



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What can they read at home?

- ▶ A school reading book is only one part of a child's reading repertoire.
- ▶ Books, magazines, comics, annuals, football programmes, information books, brochures, catalogues, newspapers, maps, eBooks, websites, instructions, word cards, magnetic letters.
- ▶ Share books everyday
- ▶ Talk about books
- ▶ Read regularly



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What to do if your child gets stuck

- ▶ Use phonics first. What sound does the word begin with? Can they say the sounds in the word? Blend them together.
- ▶ Read to the end of the sentence. What would make sense?
- ▶ What is the text about - what might fit here?
- ▶ Encourage them to re-read to check for sense.
- ▶ Does it sound right?
- ▶ Look at the picture. Does it help?



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Making reading fun for you and your child

- ▶ Read small amounts of the book e.g. A couple of pages.
- ▶ If there is a lot of text on the page. Cover some and reveal it slowly to your child, so they aren't overwhelmed.
- ▶ Play with magnetic letters/letter cards to build words to practise blending.
- ▶ Write words on post it notes and make up silly sentences to read. Make sentences from the book that they have read are the words in the correct order.



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Reading at home

- ▶ Reading books at home and the types of books in the book bags.
- ▶ Dandelion book
- ▶ Monster phonic book
- ▶ 'Real' book
- ▶ Oxford Reading Tree Book
- ▶ Lets have a look!



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