



Why is reading so important?

“Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don’t, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.” Pearson

Components of Reading

Building vocabulary

Children build a bank of words through hearing words in everyday life as well as words in books. The more a child is exposed to more complex words the greater understanding they will have of language. This will improve their ability to read.

Phonics

Phonics is the ability to match sounds with letters to read print. Phonics also includes phonemic awareness, which is the ability to hear and use letter sounds. It is also important that children understand that print represents the sounds in spoken words

Fluency

Reading with speed and accuracy

Comprehension

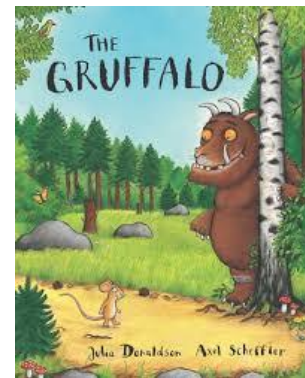
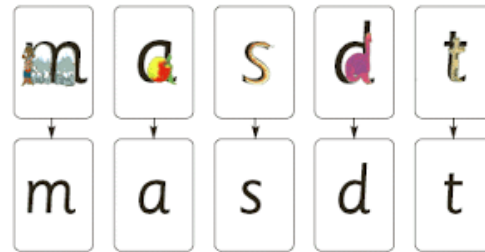
Reading for meaning, gaining new information, increasing vocabulary and linking what they have read with other texts.



Top Tips To Help Your Child Enjoy Reading



Your child will read twice a week with the teacher. On those days your child's book will be changed. Refer to the reading timetable in class.



- Share books they enjoy regularly allowing your child to listen, develop new vocabulary and help to tell stories they can remember. Try reading some poems which your child can remember and join in.
- Practice letter card packs. Say the sounds individually, build words with the sound cards and read words with the sound cards. Link the sound cards to words in their book. Encourage your child to say each sound in a word they know and put the sounds together to read the word.
- Read books your child enjoys again and again it will build your child's confidence and fluency.
- Ask questions: What do you think will happen next? What happened in the story? How did you know that? What happened before?

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