

Non-reading activities

- Play board games—most games include reading opportunities
- Collect trading cards
- Make cards—Have your child make their own birthday, thank you, party invitations etc. and write a message inside
- Learn how to..... Is there something your child really wants to learn to do? Encourage them to find out how to do it by reading instructions, download information or research in books
- Put on a play
- Plan an event—Help your child plan a party or a trip. Have them create lists of important things they need to bring or do
- Mum and Dad's little helper—have your child create and read to you a shopping list. If you have a busy day, have your child create a to-do list and keep track of what you have done.
- Selecting a film—have your child read the descriptions of the films before you decide which one to watch.

What if my child struggles or is a reluctant reader?

Some children do not find reading easy. They struggle to read the words or understand their meaning. Children develop at different rates and it may be in time your child will become an accomplished reader. However some children do have a problem and may need some special help and may need to use a structured phonics or reading program.

If your child is a reluctant reader the following tips might help:

- Try not to worry as your tensions will pass on to your child
- Encourage your child to read and use praise
- Be crafty—ask them to read a recipe for something you are cooking, or a newspaper, or share reading together.
- Read to and with your child in a relaxed setting. Make it a special and pleasant one to one experience
- Share books with them—you read a page and ask them to read a page
- Allow your child to read books they can read gradually moving on to more challenging texts.
- Let your child see you reading

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Reading at Key Stage 2 Information for Parents

We believe that parents play a vital role in helping their child to read. School and home working in partnership together create the perfect setting for encouraging a love of reading.

We appreciate the commitment parents give in helping their children to become confident readers through regular home reading and sharing an enthusiasm and love of reading.

Reading at KS2

By the time children reach KS2 most of them can read, many of them read fluently. Our job is to further improve their reading skills by developing high order reading skills, to increase the range of texts our children read and to foster a love for reading and books.

Successful readers use many strategies to help them understand what they are reading

- Phonic (sound and spelling)
- Grammatical knowledge
- Knowledge of punctuation
- Recognising words
- Understanding of how language is spoken
- Understanding of the context of the writing

By the time children reach KS2 they use most of these strategies. Our job is to build on these and develop higher order reading skills.

What are Higher Order Reading Skills?

Once children have a good knowledge of phonic and word building we move on to develop higher order reading skills. These are:

- **Inference**—something that is not explicit and obvious in the text but inferred. Reading between the lines from the evidence in the text.
- **Deduction**—Work out something from the clues in the text
- **Authorial technique and intent**—what the author does to get his intended message across.
- **Skimming and scanning**—to read quickly to get an overview of the story or to look for particular points in the text.

Range of Reading

As children get older they are expected to read a whole range of fiction and non-fiction

Fiction:

- *Adventure
- *Mystery
- *Historical
- *Horror
- *Fantasy
- *Myths and legends
- *Science Fiction

Non-fiction:

- *Newspapers and magazines
- *Diaries
- *Journals
- *Biographies and Autobiographies
- *Letters
- *Leaflets
- *Signs and posters

They are also expected to read playscripts and poetry.

How can I help my child?

Children have very busy lives and reading sometimes gets forgotten. **However even if children can read fluently it is still important that they read daily.** It is a massive help if parents can encourage their children to read and discuss the aspects of the book with them. Show the children that you value reading, let them see what you are reading and share books with them. Encourage the children to read a wide range of texts from a variety of authors. Perhaps join the local library.