



## Advice to parents - How to hear your child read and develop an enjoyment of books and reading.

### Key stage 2

Parental engagement with learning and support for their child is one of the most significant factors in a child's development and levels of attainment. As a parent you have tremendous power to strengthen your child's confidence, which is vital to learning.

How can I help with reading?

- Give cards to accompany reading books where words not known can be recorded and investigated.
- Read yourself. Set a good example by reading for pleasure and talking about the reading you do at work and home.
- It is great to encourage independent reading; older children still enjoy being read to, both at bed times and at other times during the day.
- Your child does not have to read books alone; newspapers, magazines, comics, TV guides, cookery books and the internet are great too.
- Discuss reading with your child; ask them if there was anything interesting in what they've read recently.
- Ask lots of questions about the story. What would you have done if you were.....? Does this book remind you of any thing that has happened to you? Can you guess what is going to happen next?
- Visit your local library - it's free to join. As well as taking out story books, use visits to the library as a time to find books and CD ROMs about your child's hobbies and interests.
- Encourage your child to read to younger family members and friends.

- Keep in touch with school. Make sure your child swaps their home reading books regularly at school and try to make a regular time slot to hear them read. Record your comments in their reading record for the class teacher to see.
- Make sure your child has a dictionary to check the meanings of new words they encounter in their reading.