



## Helping Your Child With Reading



### Individual Reading

All children have their own individual reading book either from our book banded reading scheme or our fiction libraries and it is expected that they take these books home daily to read with an adult.

### Why is it important to read with your child at home?

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it is the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day.

### Tips for helping your child to enjoy reading:

- As you read together, talk to your child about what they are reading.
- Visit the library as often as possible, so children have access to lots of books at home.
- Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- Buy dual-language books if English isn't your family's first language - you can talk about books and stories, and develop a love for them, in any language.
- Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, creepy crawlies, horses or football.
- Reading is not just about reading books; also encourage your child to read non-fiction texts e.g. Horrible Histories, recipes, comics, annuals, biographies of famous people. Encourage them to find information on the internet or in information books.
- Show your children that you love reading too by reading yourself.
- Praise children for their reading successes.

For more information about supporting your child with their reading, visit this website: [www.readathome.co.uk](http://www.readathome.co.uk)