

Supporting your child's reading: Years 1 & 2



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Young children learning to read need to read to adults and be read to as often as possible. Reading at home is a crucial part of a child's learning experience and reinforces skills and knowledge associated with reading.

Try to create a routine for reading with your child at home. A little every day usually works best. Reading should happen in a relaxed and cosy environment, without any pressure. The quality of the experience is just as important as the quality of the book read. Avoid forcing your child to read. If they are reluctant, try reading to them instead, encouraging them to join in if they want to.

Most children have favourite books they want to read again and again. Reading books they know and love will help children learn to read fluently. This is an important skill for tackling harder texts later on.

Remember to talk to your child about the pictures, characters, themes and storyline as this will help with their comprehension and understanding of the book.

It is really important to encourage thinking skills while reading and this is best done by asking questions. Questions such as: Why do you think...? How can you tell that...? What do you think will happen next..? What would you do if...?

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All children learn at different rates and in different ways, even in the same family. Avoid making comparisons between one child and another.

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It is very important that you continue to read to your children. A bedtime story is invaluable and a wonderful way to introduce your child to the wonderful world of literature.

Important words for your child to learn

Your child will learn to read using a phonetic system, further details of which are available on the curriculum page of the website. In addition to learning phonetically (e.g. certain letters correspond to certain sounds), we also teach the children words that cannot be learnt in this way.

Sight words (also known as common exception words or high frequency words) are words that occur frequently in reading and writing, many of which cannot be sounded out.

Below is a list of the first 100 of these words that we teach; the following page lists the next 200. Your support in helping your child practise these words is invaluable.

First 100 Common Exception Words				
the	that	not	look	put
and	with	then	don't	could
a	all	were	come	house
to	we	go	will	old
said	can	little	into	too
in	are	as	back	by
he	up	not	from	day
I	had	mum	children	made
of	my	one	him	time
it	her	them	Mr	I'm
was	what	do	get	if
you	there	me	just	help
they	out	down	now	Mrs
on	this	dad	came	called
she	have	big	oh	here
is	went	when	about	off
for	be	it's	got	asked
at	like	see	their	saw
his	some	looked	people	make
but	so	very	your	an



Next 200 Common Exception Words

water	bear	find	these	live
away	cant	more	began	say
good	again	I'll	boy	soon
want	cat	round	animals	night
over	long	tree	never	narrator
how	things	magic	next	small
did	new	shouted	first	car
man	after	us	work	couldn't
going	wanted	other	lots	three
where	eat	food	need	head
would	everyone	fox	that's	king
or	our	through	baby	town
took	two	way	fish	I've
school	has	been	gave	around
think	yes	stop	mouse	every
home	play	must	something	garden
who	take	red	bed	fast
didn't	thought	door	may	only
ran	dog	right	still	many
know	well	sea	found	laughed

let's	fun	any	better	lived
much	place	under	hot	birds
suddenly	mother	hat	sun	duck
told	sat	snow	across	horse
another	boat	air	gone	rabbit
great	window	trees	hard	white
why	sleep	bad	floppy	coming
cried	feet	tea	really	he's
keep	morning	top	wind	river
room	queen	eyes	wish	liked
last	each	fell	eggs	giant
jumped	book	friends	once	looks
because	its	box	please	use
even	green	dark	thing	along
am	different	grandad	stopped	plants
before	let	there's	ever	dragon
gran	girl	looking	miss	pulled
clothes	which	end	most	we're
tell	inside	than	cold	fly
key	run	best	park	grow

Recommended websites:

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/alphablocks-games

This website is great for supporting children with sound recognition and letter formation.

www.familylearning.org.uk

Click on sight words for links to brilliant sight word games online.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

The Oxford Owl website supports parents by providing tips, phonics support, free eBooks, and the latest reading news.

<http://www.primarygames.com/langarts/sightwords/>

Children can play sight word games here. There are lots of different levels.

www.storyline.net

Actors reading their favourite children's classics.

<http://readtomelv.com>

Similar but there are activities as well.

<http://www.starfall.com/n/level-c/index/load.htm>

Children can follow as stories are read to them. There is a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from which to choose.

