



Briercliffe Primary School

**Reading - How can you help
your child at home?**

Why is reading important?

- Reading is the key to accessing our curriculum independently
- Reading will improve their test results
- Reading improves memory function
- Reading will improve future life opportunities

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



Tips for reading at home

- Make it routine – set a regular time, three times a week, such as before bed
- Be engaging – use different voices, ask questions and discuss pictures
- Be patient - remember they are still learning
- Take it in turns – read a page to your child, listen to your child read a page
- Practice makes perfect
- Celebrate their effort
- Visit the library
- Enjoy reading stories together. Read the same story and learn it off by heart.
- Listen to and sing rhymes and songs. Listen to them in the car, before bed, sing as you're walking along.

But what if they're struggling to read words?

- Encourage them to use their phonics
- Split up the word into smaller chunks
- Miss out the word, read to the end of the sentence and then go back and try to work out what the word might be
- Look at the picture for clues
- Don't correct every mistake

Not got time?

- Couple of pages / 5 minutes
- In the car
- Before bed
- At breakfast time
- While your cooking tea
- On the way to clubs
- Read to other family members

What questions can I ask them?

- What do you think will happen in this story? – Looking at the front cover.
- What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?
- What do you think this character might say?
- Why did the character do that?
- What do you know about this character?

Reluctant Readers

- Keep it short – Read 2 / 3 pages.
- Take turns - Read one page each, or even just a sentence or a word each.
- Record them reading the first few pages and show it to them next time before they read the next few pages.
- Adult read the book first. Child reads the next time.
- Adult reads the book whilst the child talks about the pictures and the story.
- Make some flashcards with the words they find difficult and focus on them rather than the whole book.



And don't forget...

- The key is your enthusiasm. Your excitement about books is contagious. Even if you're tired and reading the same story for the hundredth time, your engagement teaches them that reading matters and brings joy.