



## Reading

Dear Parent,

We feel that it is vitally important that all our children work hard on their reading skills. This will ensure that they are able to develop quickly and confidently as readers.

As parents and carers, you have a vital role to play in this process. Regular practice at home will make a real difference to your child's reading. The following guidelines should help you make the most of reading time shared at home.

- Keep it short (10 or 15 minutes) but often.
- Choose the right time (don't compete with tiredness or television).
- Look upon it as homework to be completed before playing out or watching television.
- Always praise and encourage.
- Be positive and patient as this becomes infectious.
- If your child is really stuck on a particular word, tell them the word.
- With a long or challenging book, take turns reading a page each, to keep the flow of the story going.
- Enjoy reading together, it should be an enjoyable experience.
- Encourage your child to talk about the story (e.g. discuss characters, what's happened so far, predict what will happen next etc).

### READING SHOULD BE FUN.

Reading aloud to you is important, but remember to encourage private reading also. Please could you hear your child read a minimum of 4 times each week and sign their diary each time you hear them read, to show that this has been done.

Please feel free to pop into school at any time to discuss your child's progress and if you can spare some time on a regular basis to help with reading in class you will always be warmly received.

*Thank you for taking the time to read these notes.*