

5 Tips to support your child with reading



Research shows that the active involvement of parents can make a difference to reading skills and we know that so many parents want to help but aren't sure how...

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Have lots of different texts laying around

Parents have an important role to play in developing a love of reading. One way you can help with this is to explore different texts with your child: magazines, blog posts, novels, online articles.

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Time to Talk

At secondary school, students read many different text types from different time periods and about different topics. These could be scientific instructions, newspaper articles, adverts, poems, case studies and much more. Have you asked them which they prefer and why?

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Non-fiction is just as important

You are probably aware that research shows reading is a key factor for academic success. But did you know that this could be the reading of fiction or non-fiction? Many students prefer reading non-fiction, such as autobiographies, magazine articles or blog posts.

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It's okay to stop reading a text you don't enjoy

None of us like everything we read; it's important for us to be open about that with our children. We can help them to find texts they're interested in by talking about the passions, their hobbies and future interests.

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Reading isn't confined to the pages in a book

If you have a computer at home, you could set the homepage to a website your child might be interested in. For example, a website about jazz music, race cars or kite boarding. You could ask them about what they've read or even read some together.