



Helping Your Child with Reading

Students must learn to read fluently with enjoyment and confidence if they are to make progress in their education, in their career and in life in general. The skill of reading is a passport to future work and leisure.

How can parents help?

- Make time each day to listen to your child read. 10 minutes each day is a good start.
 - Choose something which your child will find easy to start with.
 - Encourage your child and praise their progress.
 - Don't be too serious. Try to make it interesting.
 - If your child finds a word difficult try to get her/him to - break the word up bit by bit – look at the other words in the sentence then make a guess.
 - Never let your child become completely stuck. If she/he really hesitates, pronounce the letters or words for him/her.
 - Move on to more advanced books when you feel the time is right.
- It also helps if parents read to their children. Talk about what you are reading and ask your child to guess what will happen next.
 - Make sure there is lots of reading matter around the house: newspapers, books, dictionaries, reference books, comics and magazines.

Encourage your child to learn a number of **spellings** each week. The teachers will be giving her/him lists of key words to learn. They will be written down in the vocabulary section of the Study Planner.

The **Study Centre** is open throughout the week. There are books to suit all students and new books are regularly added. Encourage your child to borrow at least one book every week.