

Helping your child to read at home

At Woodhouse Primary School, we aim for all our children to develop confidence and independence when learning how to read and to develop a love of books. We endeavour to provide them with many opportunities to read a wide range of reading material throughout their time with us, building on skills as they develop as readers.

There are many simple things that you can do at home to help your child to develop skills and become a confident reader. These top tips will hopefully be helpful to you and include ideas that you can try out to see what works well at home.

How can I help my child with their reading?

- Encourage your child to read on a regular basis
- Encourage your child to read a range of texts
- Find a quiet time and place to read with your child
- Join the library
- Let your child see you reading

What to do if your child gets stuck

- Let them read on to see if they can work out the word
- Use any pictures in the book if they help with the meaning
- Encourage your child to use their knowledge of the letter sounds to read any unfamiliar words

Reading Diary Comments

- Able to read this book independently
- Able to read this book with help

Word reading

- Read familiar words independently
- Worked out new words using phonics
- Worked out new words using pictures
- Using the initial letter (first sound) of a word
- Self-corrected own errors

Enjoyment of book

- Enjoyed reading this book
- Read this book again for pleasure

Understanding

- Showed a good understanding of the text
- Able to predict what might happen next
- Could talk about the story and the characters
- Could work out the meaning of tricky words in non-fiction text

Expression

- Read with fluency and expression
- Looked at full stops, exclamation marks and question marks when reading
- Looked at speech marks when reading

