



Longridge C of E Primary School

Supporting Early Reading At Home

Here are some ideas for how you can help support your child with reading at home. We aim to work in close partnership with parents, if you have any questions or concerns please get in touch.

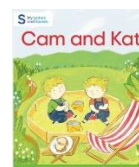
- Establish a good time to read with your child, aim for a 5-10min session.



- Encourage your child to take ownership of their book, show interest as they share their book.
- Talk about the front cover and make predictions of what might happen in the story.
- Your child should be in charge of turning the pages and holding the book, ask them to point to words with their finger as they read.
- Give children time to 'sound out' each letter, if they are finding this challenging you can help them by saying the sounds.



- You can use the phonics sound mat or your child's Phonics Book to recap any sounds they are unsure of.
- Pin up sounds that your child is frequently struggling with at home and quickly revisit at other times to regularly recap target sounds. You might decide to draw a simple picture to accompany the sound to help your child remember.
- Encourage your child to 'blend' the sounds together to read the word. They might need to say the sounds several times to know the word. Give them time and lots of praise for all attempts. If they are still unsure after a few tries you can model sounding out and blending so they can read the word together with you.



- Remember to look at the pictures and talk about what is happening as you progress through the book. Ask questions to help your child build good

comprehension skills. There are ideas for questions you might ask in the books or on our Reception Reading bookmark.

- Praise all your child's effort with their reading and remind them that reading is a skill which takes time to practise and master.
- Make sure you re-read your child's individual book with them **daily** this will help them to build confidence. They will become familiar with the book and begin to recognise the words by sight. We work hard to build **reading fluency** for our children and the only way to achieve this is by practising **regularly**.



- Help your child to develop a love of reading by sharing other books at home with them as well as their individual reading book. It is brilliant if you read stories to your child, this helps them to develop a wider vocabulary and comprehension skills.
- Try visiting our local library so that your child can choose books which interest them to share at home. It is a good opportunity to select non-fiction as well as fiction books.



- Watch BBC 'Alphablocks' together to help practise articulating the sounds correctly.
- Visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk to find more helpful information about supporting your child with learning to read.



- Try playing some phonics games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk to help your child learn new sounds as well as blending/segmenting skills.



- Remember all children are different and will be at different stages with their reading. Don't compare your child to anyone else, just focus on helping them practise their reading skills. If you have any questions or concerns come to speak to us in school so that we can help.