

Questioning

Try these question prompts before, during and after reading:

- Why do you think they ... ?
- How do you think ... made ... feel?
- I thought it was interesting when/that... what did you think?
- I've not heard the word ... before, shall we find out what it means?
- Can we use the rest of the sentence to work out that tricky word?
- I predict ... what do you think?
- It says that character exclaimed/screeched/whimpered when they said that, how do you think that would sound?
- Which word here tells us that the character feels/is ... ?
- Can you find a word in this sentence that means the same as ... ?
- I don't understand why ... can you explain it to me?



Before you read

- Talk about what reading habits they are working on and what this will look like in their reading
- Ask what they remember from when they last read
- Make predictions about what you are about to read

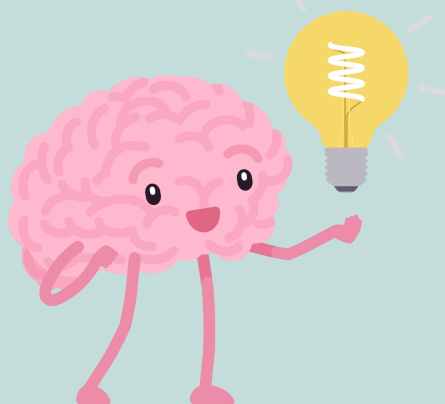
After you read

- Ask what they enjoyed about what they just read
- Discuss what new information they learnt this time
- Ask if they like what they are reading, do they want to continue with it or change to something different? It's okay to not finish something if you don't enjoy reading it

Reading At Home

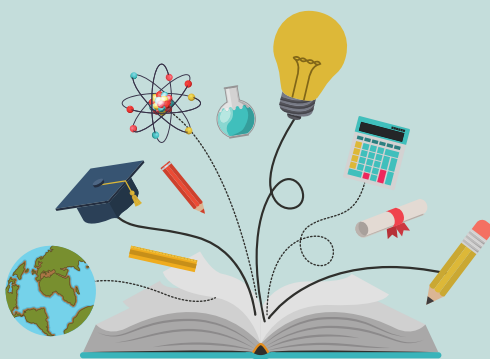


Why read often?



Learning

Every time your child reads, or is read to, they are learning - words, meaning, imagination, information and more.



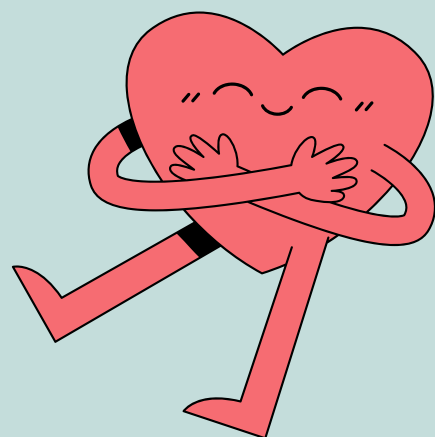
Cross-Curricular

Reading is a skill that is useful in every area of the curriculum, and therefore, in many areas of life too.



Spelling

The best way to learn to spell is through exposure to a wide variety of words.



For Pleasure

Reading is enjoyable! When you find books you enjoy, it's good for the heart and soul. Enjoy it together.

Reading for Pleasure

- Spend time with your child, following their interests and finding what type of reading they enjoy
- Take a trip to the library together and find out about your local library events
- If you choose books that have been turned into films, you can make it a special treat once they finish to book to have a movie night together and watch the film adaptation
- Read books together you also enjoy yourself, this way you can model genuine enthusiasm for reading and share this together



Reading Habits

- Find books you can also read aloud to them to model good reading, this is just as important as hearing them read aloud
- Model good reading habits, if your child watches you enjoying and choosing books to read yourself, they will be inspired to do the same
- Praise your child for good reading habits as well as simply reading word correctly, for example, 'I love the expression you used, you really brought the characters to life!'

