

Supporting Your Child's Reading

We are aiming for independent, fluent and confident readers who want to read for pleasure.

We can help them to achieve this by:

- Letting them hold the book
- Giving them time to work things out
- Altering our body language
 - Sitting straight
 - Avoid crowding
- Using specific prompts to promote independence
- Being economical with our words
- Teaching through praise
- Reading a book more than once
- Sharing the enjoyment of the book

When children read they need to check 3 things:

- Does it make sense?
- Does it sound right?
- Does it look right

Prompts to Promote Independence

Always start with what the child was doing well:

- I like the way you said that...
- You noticed that it didn't make sense and you put it right.
- You looked really carefully at that word to work it out.

Monitoring:

- Where was the hard part?
- Something wasn't quite right then; do you know what it was?
- Did that sound right?

Searching:

- Can you see something you know that might help you?
- Can you see a small part in that word that you know?
- Run your finger underneath that word and say it slowly?

Cross-checking:

- What could it be?
- It could be but look at the beginning/end of the word.
- Does that make sense and look right?
- Try that again and make sure it makes sense, sounds right and looks right.

We are aiming for the children to self-correct.