



Top Tips for Reading

Spring Term 2018

Your reading time at home should be as positive as possible, but sometimes everyone is tired and it's helpful to have some other activities up your sleeve! Only spend 15 minutes on your reading time together, if it's not working on that night- leave it until tomorrow or when your child is in a better frame of mind. Just write a note in their book bag to let us know.

It's often around this time in the year that the children experience a lull in their progress, so here are a few ideas to keep things fresh:

- Try reading a page each in turn
- Spot words that start with a certain letter eg: let's find the words that start with h. You could choose letters that are in your child's name.
- Let the child be the teacher- let them ask you to find a random word eg: "Mummy/Daddy can you see 'got'?". Make a mistake and see if they notice!
- You could ask them to find you a word to read, they point to it and then after counting to 3.. You both say it at the same time.
- Enjoy reading a story to them and ask them if they know what will happen next?
- Try to get them to point to the words, as they read them- but if they are tired, do this for them.
- Tricky words: can they test you? Again- make mistakes and see if they notice.
- Ask them to tell you about their favourite page. Why do they like it? Could they draw a picture of their favourite page?

Please don't hesitate to speak to me in the mornings or leave me a note in the book bag if you have any questions.

Thank you for everything you do to help your child with their reading.

Mrs Jenkinson