

Ghyllside School



Reading Together

Guidance for Parents

Key Stage 1

Regular reading with your child is the best help that you can give to ensure that they go on to be successful throughout school and beyond.

A child who struggles with reading will struggle with the rest of the curriculum. This will get worse as they get older and may lead to them falling behind their friends. At worst they will feel frustrated and may start to dislike school and learning.

A child who learns to love reading will have a head start in life and be best placed to make the most of all that education has to offer.



Tips for Parents

Regular short reading sessions are much better than fewer longer sessions.

Make a regular routine and stick to it. Ten or fifteen minutes before bed or before a regular television programme.

Make the reading session a positive and happy time when you can give your child your full undivided attention and they will look forward to reading together.

Before you read the book:

- * Look at the cover and try to guess what the story is about
- * Read the 'blurb' on the back which often tells you about the content or story
- * Flick through any pictures to get an idea of what happens

If your child cannot read the books that they have chosen:

- * They may well enjoy using the pictures to help them to tell the story in their own words
- * You can read the book to them, encouraging them to join in with the bits that they know, finish a line or re-read after you.

If your child gets stuck on a word you can help them make a good guess by:

- * Looking for clues in the pictures
- * Looking at the first letter of the word
- * Re-reading the sentence up to the tricky word
- * Trying to build the word

If your child is still stuck or tired, just say the word so that they can carry on with the story.

When reading together:

- * It can be useful to run your finger along the line as you read or hold a piece of paper under the line that they are reading
- * Talk about the characters "Why did they do that?", "How do you think Mum is feeling?" etc
- * Relate events from your own experience "Do you remember when we went to the seaside?"
- * Try to guess what will happen next

After reading:

- * Ask the child if they liked or disliked the book and why
- * What were the best bits?
- * Who was your favourite character and why?
- * Re-read the story if your child would like to.

Always use lots of
praise
and
encouragement.

Happy Reading!!

