

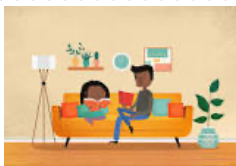


WHITGREAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME



How to read a story to your child...

On the first reading:



- ❖ Make reading aloud feel like a treat.
- ❖ Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so you can both see the book.
- ❖ Show curiosity about what you're going to read: 'This book looks interesting. It's about an angry child. I wonder how angry he gets...'
- ❖ Read through the whole story the first time without stopping too much. Let the story weave its own magic.
- ❖ Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

Read favourite stories over and over again. On later readings:

- ❖ Let your child pause, think about and comment on the pictures.
- ❖ If you think your child did not understand something, try to explain: 'Oh! I think what's happening here is that...'
- ❖ Chat about the story and pictures: 'I wonder why she did that?'; 'Oh no, I hope she's not going to...'; 'I wouldn't have done that, would you?'
- ❖ Link the stories to your own family experiences: 'This reminds me of when ...'
- ❖ Link stories to others that your child knows: 'Ah! Do you remember the dragon in....? Do you remember what happened to him?'
- ❖ Encourage your child to join in with the bits they know.
- ❖ Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- ❖ Avoid telling children reading stories is good for them.

