

How can I support my child with reading at home?

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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou



What will this session cover?

- Tune into READING
- Setting up for success
- How to support your child with reading
- Helpful Resources



Why bother with Reading?

1. It's GREAT mental exercise
2. It can help you relax
3. If you read a lot, your writing will improve.
4. You'll become more knowledgeable.
5. Your imagination and creativity will develop.
6. It develops empathy and understanding of others.



*Any book that helps a child to
form a habit of reading, to
make reading one of his needs,
is good for him.*

Maya Angelou

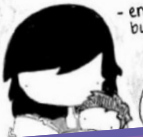


One of the greatest gifts
adults can give—to their
offspring and to their
society—is to read to
children.

Carl Sagan

children
are
made
READERS
on the
laps
of their
parents

- emilie
buchwald



Talk to your kids (a LOT!)

Listen to your kids
telling you their own
'small moments' stories.

Read to your kids (often!!)
as well as listening to them
read. SHARE books for
enjoyment!



Be a positive reading
Role Model – let them
see you enjoy reading.

How to get off to a good start!

Draw attention to text in the environment – it's everywhere,

Channel their **interests** and create opportunities to engage with text: Recipes, game instructions...



With younger children:
Label things at home to develop 'print awareness'.

Reading is more than Books!

Let's just say...



- ★ You talk to your child (a lot!)
- ★ You read to them and share books with them often.
- ★ You listen to their 'stories', write them down and read them together.
- ★ You let your kids see you reading for pleasure.
- ★ Your home is a positive reading environment.
- ★ You have multilingual labels up around your house.
- ★ You point out signs and text in the environment every time you go out.
- ★ You engage your reluctant reader in baking, and board games and trick them into reading when they don't even realise they are doing it!



So, WHAT next? How can you have MORE impact?

When reading
independently...



Children need to read books that they can decode (read the words) and comprehend (understand the meaning of).

(readbrightly.com -
what is a *just right* book?)

This is a ***just right book***.

It should stretch them a little, but not too much.

With books at home do the 'Five Finger Test' to check the level.

WHAT are they reading?



Library Book/ Interest Books from home

Visit your local library!



WHAT are they reading?

Draw attention to the **sounds** of letters and combinations of letters in words.



Repetition, repetition, repetition...(did I mention repetition?)

6 ways to help your child read fluently

Going from GOOD to GREAT!

- Can you find a word/sentence that tells/shows you that...?

- Why do you think that the author used the word... to describe...?

- Can you find a word in the text that means the same as...?

- Find an adjective in the text.

- Who is/are the main character(s)?

- When/where is this story set?

- Which is your favourite/worst/funniest/scariest part of the story? Why?

- Tell me three facts you have learnt from the text.

- Find the part where...

- What happens in the beginning of the story?

- How/where does the story start?

- What happened at the end of the ...?

- Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or fewer?

- What happened before that?

- What do you think... means? Why do you think that?

- Why do you think...?

- How do you think...?

- When do you think...?

- Where do you think...?

- How has the author made us think that...?

- Where do you think... will go next?

- What do you think... will say/do next?

- What do you think this book will be about? Why?

- How do you think that this will end?

- Who do you think has done it?

- What might... say about that?



Suggestions of questions you could ask BEFORE, DURING and AFTER reading.

Final Words of Wisdom

- Let your child be your guide – *don't force it* – reading should be fun, not a chore.
- Remember not all children are at the same point of readiness to read just because they are the same age.
- You won't be able to do ALL of this ALL of the time. Be realistic. Be patient with yourself and your child and do the best you can,



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Reading Rockets
(Reading 101 for Parents)



RESOURCES



KEEP
CALM
AND
READ
ON



THANKS
for tuning in!

