



READING AT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD



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Reading at home is one of the best ways to support your child with their learning.

Children who read at home regularly, tend to perform better in all subjects across school than those that don't.

It can be difficult trying to fit this into busy days but, here are some tips to help build good routines. It really is so important that reading is practised as much as possible. Like with anything, practise really does make perfect.

1. **Build 10 minutes into your daily routine to listen to your child read.** If a child knows they do their reading before bed time, it makes it easier to stick to.
2. **Read aloud!** Just because your child can read doesn't mean they should read silently to themselves. Where possible, they should practise reading out loud for 10 minutes each day.
3. Don't worry if you don't have time to curl up on the sofa to read, you can listen to your child **read anywhere or anytime that suits**. For example, in the car or as you make dinner.
4. Children will have a book from school but they can read things from home too. A **magazine, newspaper or own books** they enjoy all count. As long as they are reading!
5. **Reading the same story over and over** is actually very good for building fluency. You might not want to listen to the Gruffalo for the 100th time but remember, it is helping your child become a super reader!
6. Don't forget the magic of **reading to your child** rather than them reading to you!

Aim to read with your child 4 times a week.