

Dear Parents,

This is a list of activities that you can do when sharing a book with your child to ensure that they get the most out of their reading.



- Follow print with eyes only, finger pointing only at points of difficulty.
- Make predictions based on the title and cover.
- Recognise ways emphasis is created in text e.g. capitalization, bold print.
- Read familiar texts aloud with fluency and expression appropriate to the grammar e.g. pausing at full stops and raising voice at questions.
- Identify and discuss the main points in the text.
- Relate story settings and incidents to your own experiences.
- Compare stories, identifying common themes and characters.
- Locate specific information in the text to find answers to simple questions.
- Use understanding of incidents, characters and settings to make predictions.
- Use an awareness of character and dialogue to read with expression e.g. using appropriate voices for different characters.
- Talk about your favourite parts of a story or favourite books and justify preferences.
- Discuss characters in the story and how they act or feel in different parts of the story
- Discuss themes/ideas raised in the story
- Think of alternative endings to the story or talk about what might happen after the events described in the story
- Retell the story in own words.
- Encourage your child to read a story to a younger brother/sister.
- Talk about differences between fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
- Create your own story/information books based on the book they have just read.