



Uplands  
Infant & Nursery  
School

# Reading Workshop

How to help your child with their reading?

# Aims

- Understand how we teach reading in school
- Understand ways in which home and school can work together to support your child's progress with reading.

# Reading in school

## How do we teach reading?

- Guided reading
- Shared reading
- Individual reading
- Reading across the curriculum
- Intervention groups

# Shared Reading

- Teachers read texts aloud with the class.
- Strategies for reading are explicitly taught
- Children read together to develop appropriate fluency.
- Teachers question the children to extend their understanding and raise awareness of key features from the text.

# Guided Reading

- Each week all children will have this quality time with the teacher.
- Children read and discuss a text in a **small group**.
- We use a consistent approach across year groups
- Guided Reading gives them the opportunity to apply skills taught through Shared Reading.
- Reading is followed by questions to develop understanding
- The focus is linked to the **shared reading** focus for that week.
- Texts are chosen to be challenging.

# Individual reading

- The reading books are levelled to help support progression in reading skills.
- Each child has a reading record card to record reading at home
- Children should be developing independence in completing their record card – teachers will check regularly.
- Reading books, and record cards, need to be brought to school every day.
- There will be time each week for children to read and change their books.

# Reading across the curriculum

- Teaching of reading is not limited to English sessions.
- Reading information texts, on-screen and in books, extends learning in all areas of learning.
- Reading strategies taught in English lessons are developed further through cross-curricular links.
- Reading skills support learning in all areas of the curriculum.

# Assessing progress and Bench Marking

- Children's individual progress is assessed as part of the on-going process of guided reading and response to reading comprehension activities.
- We avoid moving children to harder reading levels until they are showing confidence in their reading accuracy and **comprehension** within their current level.





# Top Tips on how to support your child with reading

# Top Tip 1: Provide Reading Material

- Try to ensure that there is a wide range of reading material in your home
- Reading is not just about story books, in fact many younger children enjoy reading factual information just as fiction
- Visit the library regularly to make sure your child sees lots of different types of books, this way they can then decide what they like and don't like
- Newspapers and comics also provide good reading material, a great source of free reading material can be found in leaflets and magazines

# TOP TIP 2: Read Aloud

- Be a top role model for reading, make sure your child sees you read regularly and most importantly let your child see that you gain pleasure and information from what you read
- Read out loud to your child books, nursery rhymes, poems, newspaper & magazine articles, text messages, food labels, recipes, road signs – pretty much anything that's close to hand
- This will encourage your child to look for words and understand their importance

# TOP TIP 3: Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it:

- What is the story about?
- Who is this character?
- Why did they do that?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Talk to your child about the words used in the story
- What does that word mean?
- Why do you think the author used that word?
- Can you think of another word that means the same thing?

To support you with this there is a list of questions to ask your child while they read in your pack

# TOP TIP 4: Go Online

- Don't forget the power of technology
- There are hundreds of Apps and good online quality reading sites where children can play games and read different types of material.
- Online games can support phonics and spelling
- There are also sites with online stories to listen to

- Suggested sites:

MagicBlox Children's Book Library | Read Kid's Books Online for FREE!

<https://magicblox.com>

[Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press](#)

# TOP TIP 5: Make Space

- Although its great to read anywhere and at anytime
- Children enjoy knowing that there is a special time when you share reading with them – for many children this might be before bedtime but it can be at any time that suits you and your child
- Choose a special place or a regular time when you and your child can read together

# TOP TIP 6: Make it Fun!

- Try to make sure that reading does not become a chore, make it fun so that you and your child can look forward to it
- Take it in turns to read a line each, put on silly voices when reading aloud, add a bit of drama to stories and act out what's happening or dress up in costumes
- Try reading in an unusual place, like reading under the covers using torches, make a tent with sheet and pillows and read in the tent
- Remember not every child finds reading easy and not all children learn at the same pace but by following these top tips you are giving your child a head start to gaining a positive attitude to reading!

# Video

- [Early Words Together practitioner videos | National Literacy Trust](#)



Happy reading 😊

Any Questions