**Top Tips for Reading at home**

1. **Choose a quiet time**

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. 10 to 15 minutes is usually long enough.

2. **Make reading enjoyable**

3. **Maintain the flow**

If your child mispronounces a word, do not interrupt immediately. Instead, allow them to self correct. They may realise by the end of the sentence that they have said something incorrectly.

4. **Be positive**

Boost your child’s confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

5. **Success is the key**

Don’t give texts which are too difficult. Give children the opportunity to build up their confidence. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless; flow is lost, the text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.

6. **Visit the library**

Children can experience books they’ve never seen before and it can give them the chance to try out lots of new texts.

7. **Regular practice**

Try to read with your child on most days. Little and often is best. This can also be asking them questions. Reading aloud is an important skill for all children, no matter their ability.

8. **Talk about the books**

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Give your opinion too and encourage children to explain their thinking and show evidence within the text.

9. **Variety is important and all reading is good**

Comics, magazines, football sticker books… Children need to experience a wide range of books!

10. **Read favourites again and again**

Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love as it helps to build fluency and confidence. Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting your kids to join in and remember the words.

 