

# Reading with your child

## Before Reading

Find somewhere quiet away from the TV, computer or other distractions. Sit together somewhere comfortable.

Talk about the cover of the book; ask what it might be about and what kind of book it is.

Ask about the characters and setting, are they similar or different to another book your child has read?

## During Reading

Try not to correct your child too much, instead allow them to try to self-correct.

If your child is 'sounding out', encourage them to use the letter sounds rather than the names e.g. ssssss rather than essfor 's'

Encourage expression and varied tone of voice when reading stories.

Let your child keep his/her place with their finger, rather than you – they know their own pace best!

## After Reading

Always ask lots of questions about what they have read, for example:

What part of the story did you like best, why?

Did the author use some interesting words to create mood, atmosphere or laughter?

Have you read any other books by this author, how do they compare?

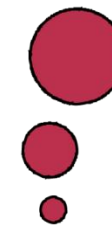
Talk about the plot, characters and any new words your child has encountered.

## Top Tips For Reading Success

Surround your children with reading material: magazines, comics as well as favourite authors.

Have a family reading time – read 'bigger' chapter books to your child that they might not manage on their own.

Develop the library habit – it's free!



At St Cuthbert's C of E Junior School we aim to equip all children with the skills of reading and comprehension, and hope to encourage a love of books and reading.

At our school your child will have a guided reading session with his/her teacher every week, in addition to other regular reading periods.

But it is recommended that children read for 5-10 minutes per night at home too.

Here are some ideas to support you with reading with your child.



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