

Belmont Primary School

Reading with your child (KS2)

Here are some simple tips to help your child with reading



Enjoy it,

- Make reading together or talking about books an enjoyable time – not a chore.
- When your child reads to you, show them that you are proud of what they can do.
- Even though your child can now read it's still important that you sometimes read to them to help them develop into enthusiastic readers. Read them old favourites – even if they do seem 'easy' – as well as longer or harder books that they can't manage themselves.
- If you have a shared interest or hobby, look at books and magazines on the topic together.
- Make sure they see you and other family members reading for enjoyment and for different purposes.

Make time and space,

- Try to find a time when you aren't busy doing other things so you can spend 'quality time' reading together or talking about what your child is reading – even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Try to find a quiet place away from distractions like the television or the computer.
- Try to find some time every week for reading together.
- If your child is reluctant to read you could offer a small reward such as playing a game they enjoy. If they are tired or very reluctant to read to you, read to them instead. Don't force them.

Be positive,

- Give your child lots of praise, encouragement and support when they read to you. Focus on what they did well, not what they did wrong. Even small successes are important!

Find out what they like to read,

- Sometimes we read for pleasure but most of the time we read for a reason. Read lots of different things together – anything you and your child enjoy reading or need to read.
- Let your child make their own reading choices sometimes! They need to develop their own personal likes and dislikes. It is OK not to like some books. Don't worry if they choose an 'easy' or favourite book sometimes. This is normal and it helps children build their reading confidence and enthusiasm.
- Join the library.
- Help them track down other books by authors they enjoy reading, or find out if an author has a website.

Talk about it,



- Talking about what they are reading helps your child become more involved and interested in reading and can help them understand more.
- Discuss what your child has read and what they think about it. Encourage them to develop their own ideas and tastes. This will help your child become a lifelong reader.