

# Belmont Primary School

## Reading with your child (KS1)

Here are some simple tips to help your child with reading

### Enjoy it,

- Make book sharing a fun time that you both enjoy-snuggle up with a book!
- Read old favourites together as well as new books.
- If your child reads to you, or joins in when you are reading to them, show them that you are proud of what they can do.



### Make time and space,

- Make reading a special part of the day. Spend quality time reading together – even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Find a quiet place away from distractions. Turn the TV and computer OFF!
- Try and find some time every day for reading together. 10 minutes a day is better than a long session once a week.



### Be positive,

- Give your child lots of praise, encouragement and support when they read to you. Focus on what they DO WELL!
- **Never** force your child to read – if they are reluctant to read you could offer a small reward. If they are tired, read to them instead.

### Find out what they like to read,

- Read lots of different things together to show that we read for a purpose – stories, information books, comics, magazines, websites and cereal packets.
- Let your child make their own reading choices sometimes! Don't worry if they choose the same book again and again. This is normal and it helps children build their reading confidence and enthusiasm.
- Join the library.



### Talk about it,

- Talking about the pictures and books will help your child become more interested and involved in reading. It also helps their understanding.
- When you have finished reading, talk about it: What was it about? How did it make you feel? What did you like/dislike?
- Spend lots of time looking at the pictures and talking about them. **NEVER** cover up the pictures when reading.
- You can talk to your child about anything – games, TV programmes, films or anything that you do together.