



Helping Your Child To Read

Reading with your child everyday is essential and helps them in all areas of Literacy. It is important to read little and often, so try to set aside a time when your child reads to you or own their own, and then they can discuss their book with you.

Reading should be fun and if you show an interest in their latest book or ask them to talk about a text they have been studying in school they will become more enthusiastic and be keen to share their thoughts and opinions with you. Year 5/6 may wish to tell you about an author and the way he develops a story line or the way they like a character and how he has changed as the story has progressed.



Tips for helping your child to enjoy a variety of books:

- ❖ Visit the library as often as possible and encourage them to read a variety of texts (magazines, children's newspapers, comics, fiction and non-fiction books).
- ❖ Schedule a regular quiet 'sit down' time when you won't be interrupted.
- ❖ Look for books on topics that interest your child or about one of the topics being covered in class.
- ❖ Help your child to sound out unfamiliar words by breaking them down into smaller chunks.
- ❖ Try and decide the meaning of a new WOW word by reading the whole sentence.
- ❖ Ask your child to think of a new ending for a story or to predict what is going to happen next as they progress through the book. Make sure they can give you reasons for their predictions.