

St Giles C.E. Primary



A Guide for Parents on READING



"CHILDREN BECOME READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS" Emilie Buchwald

Reading at Home



At St Giles Primary School we know how important it is for teachers and parents to work together to give your child the best start. We believe that parents play a vital role in helping their child learn to read. Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child. As you share books you are helping improve your child's reading skills and also showing them how important and enjoyable reading is.

A Good Reader -

- ✓ is fluent and interesting to listen to when reading aloud
- ✓ is accurate, makes few mistakes -
- ✓ particularly when reading non-fiction
- ✓ is understanding what he/she has read.

To be a really good reader you need to be good at all three!

This booklet is a guide to help you.

The greatest gift you can give children is to read to them from a very early age. You don't have to be an expert. There's no magic in supporting children's reading, just lots of patience, time and affection, plus a little skill.

Be an actor!

Look interested.

If it's a frightening book, look scared.

If it's funny, then laugh.

If it's a mystery book, look puzzled.

Give the impression that you are happy as long as they are doing their best.

Always end on a 'high note'.

Happy Reading!

Supporting Reading at Home



1. Find a place to sit together that suits you both
2. Try to read for at least 5 to 10 minutes a day and once over the weekend. Encourage it as a pleasurable experience. (in upper KS2 we recommend 20 mins 3 times a week)
3. Find some time to talk about the book as well as reading it.
 - Start with the title, look at the cover and briefly chat about what you might find inside.
 - At the bottom of each page, encourage your child to predict what might happen next.
 - If your child gets stuck, ask what word would fit best, ask them to sound it out (if appropriate), or simply supply the word yourself.
 - What happened in the story? Does this remind them of anything in their lives or anything they have read before?
 - Did they think the book was funny? Did they spot any interesting words and phrases? Did they enjoy the book?
4. Read to your child. You can help your child to understand the emphasis of particular parts of the story.
5. Encourage your child to retell the story you have just shared. This will give you an idea of how much they have understood.
6. Do not condemn the book as 'too easy' or 'too hard'. Children need a range of reading materials. Any 'easy' book helps them to relax with reading. A difficult book can be read to your child. Both are important.
7. If your child misreads a word without changing the meaning, e.g. 'Dad' for 'Father', accept it. If they hesitate, repeat a word or leave one out, say nothing provided the meaning is not lost. If they say a word which does change the meaning, or they are simply stuck, you can help them by:

- a. Pointing to the picture if it is relevant
- b. Asking a question to remind them of the context, e.g. 'Where did they say they were going?'
- c. Re-reading the sentence up to the unknown word to remind them of the context
- d. Saying or pointing to the first letter of the word
- e. Telling your child the word to avoid losing momentum
- f. If the word can be read easily by sounding out the letters, encourage them or help them to do this

It is important to use as many clues as possible to help your child when they encounter difficulty. Pause, Prompt and Praise

PAUSE to help them work out the new words

PROMPT by using some of the techniques mentioned

PRAISE them for trying whether they are right or wrong

After Reading



Talking about the book with your child at the end will help your child in their enjoyment and understanding of the book.

- Did you enjoy that book? Why? Why not?
- Who was your favourite character? Why?
- Which part did you like the best? Why?
- Was there any part you didn't like? Why?
- Would you choose this book/story again?

Which books are best?

1. Books your child likes.
2. Books suggested by your child's teacher
3. Books your child chooses from a library or bookshop that they want to read
4. Never be afraid of re-reading books

What else can your child read?



- Comics
- Magazines
- Travel brochures
- Instructions or recipes
- What's on television tonight
- Information books
- Manuals
- Newspapers

- Poems
- Taped/CD/Recorded stories
- Sports Reports
- Shopping lists.....

My child is a good reader - Can I still help?

YES! Although children will often want to read in their heads when they become fluent readers and you should not insist on too much reading aloud, there are still many things that you can do.

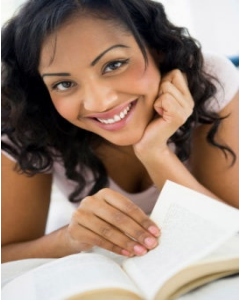
Discuss with them what they have read - about the character, about the plot, about the important parts of the story, about what they have learnt from the information, about their feelings as they read the story... For example;

- Which part of the story did you like best? Why?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Would you like X as a friend? Why?
- What do you think X should have done when..?
- How do you think the story will end?
- Was the information detailed enough?

My child won't read, no matter what I do.

How can I help?

- Read to your child as much as possible
- Don't make an issue out of it
- Talk to your child's class teacher - Working together will help

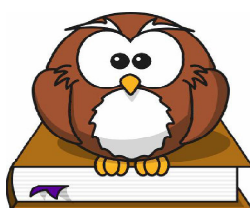


Helping with reading: ages 5 to 7

- Read yourself! Set a good example by sharing your reading. Let your children see that you value books and keep them at home. Keep books safe. Make your child their own special place to keep their books. Show them how to turn pages carefully.
- Point out words all around you. Help your child to read the words around them: on food packets in the supermarket, on buses, in newspapers, in recipes.
- Visit your library - it's free to join! All libraries have children's sections. Many also have regular storytelling sessions.
- Make time to read. Read a bedtime story with your child every night. Encourage them to share reading with grandparents, brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles.
- Keep in touch with school. Make sure your child changes their home reading books regularly at school and try to make a regular time slot of about 10 minutes to hear them read.
- If English is not your family's first language: You can buy dual language books. You can talk about books and stories in any language.

Helping with reading: ages 7 to 11

- Read yourself! Show a good example by talking about the reading you do at work and at home. Let your child know that reading is an important part of your life.
- Keep books safe. Make your child their own special place to keep their books in their bedroom.
- Visit your library - it's free to join! As well as taking out story books, use visits to the library as a time to find books and CD ROMs about your child's hobbies and interests.
- Make time to read. Set aside a time for reading for the family - after school or before bedtime.
- Encourage independent reading but don't be afraid to still tell a bedtime story.
- Don't just read books. Encourage your child to read newspapers, TV guides, comics and magazines. Ask your child to find out information from the Yellow Pages, the Internet, cookery books, etc.
- Let your child read with younger children.
- Encourage them to read to other members of the family.
- If English is not your family's first language: You can buy dual language books. You can talk about books and stories in any language.
- Make the story come to life. Encourage your child to read with expression. This will help them read more fluently.
- Ask lots of questions about the story. What would you have done if you were.....? Does this book remind you of anything that has happened to you? Can you guess what is going to happen next?
- Use a dictionary. Buy a simple dictionary and use it to check the meanings of new words.



Books that have worked well with boys: (National literacy trust)

Age Title

3-5 Bumpus, Jumpus, Dinosaur Rumpus

3-5 Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs

4-7 Winnie the Pooh

5-8 The Giggler Treatment

5-8 Cool

5-8 Horrid Henry series

5-8 Robin of Sherwood

5-8 Diary of a Killer Cat

5-8 The Twits

7-9 Vlad the Drac series

7-9 Big Tom

7-9 War Boy

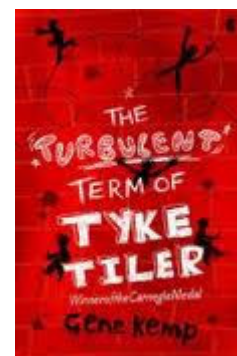
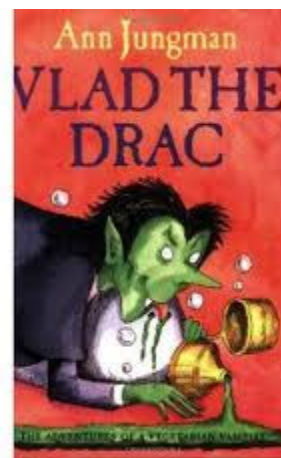
7-9 Indian in the Cupboard

8-12 Kensuke's Kingdom

8-12 Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

8-11 Boys Rule books(Rising Stars)

8-10 Measle and the Wrathment



8-10 The Turbulent Term Of Tyke Tyler

9-12 Krindlekrax

9-12 Lion Boy

9-12 I Am David

9-12 Thief in the Village and other stories

9-12 Artemis Fowl

9-12 The Fire Within

9-12 Ice Fire

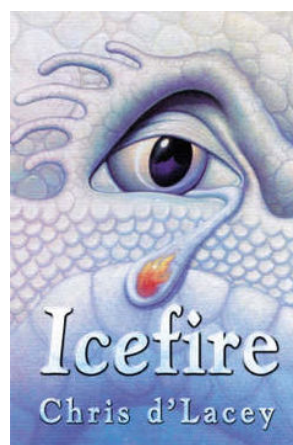
9-12 I Was a Rat

9-12 Clockwork

9-12 Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp

9-12 The Adventure series - Lion Adventure; Tiger Adventure

9-14 Stormbreaker



Useful websites for family reading

A Story For Bedtime www.astoryforbedtime.com

BBC Parenting website www.bbc.co.uk/parenting

Booktrust www.booktrust.org.uk

The Child Literacy Centre www.childliteracy.com

DfES Parents Centre www.parentscentre.gov.uk

Help them read www.helpthemread.co.uk

www.dfes.gov.uk/parents/discover/

Parent Link www.parentlink.co.uk

Read Together www.readtogether.co.uk

Silly Books www.sillybooks.net

Here are some useful websites and online resources to help you choose books for children, young people and adults. You might also like to ask in your local or school library for recommendations, or check your local library websites many of them list recommended reads.

Ask Chris <http://askchris.essexcc.gov.uk>

<http://www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk/Recommended->

<http://www.bookheads.org.uk/>

Books, Reading and Writing www.braw.org.uk

Cool Reads www.cool-reads.co.uk

First Choice Books www.firstchoicebooks.org.uk

Guys Read www.guysread.com

Mrs Mad www.mrsmad.com

Reading Matters www.readingmatters.co.uk

Teen Reads www.teenreads.com

Love Reading www.lovereadng.co.uk



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Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin Jnr
Where's Spot?	Eric Hill
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam McBratney and Garth Williams
The Little Red Hen	Byron Barton
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
Owl Babies	Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak
Winnie the Pooh	A A Milne
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Beatrix Potter
Stone Soup	Marcia Brown
Not Now Bernard	David McKee
There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly	Pam Adams
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Jill Tomlinson
The Gruffalo	Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
Winnie the Witch	Valerie Thomas & Korky Paul
The Elephant and the Bad Baby	Elfrida Vipont & Raymond Briggs
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Helen Oxenbury
Handa's Surprise	Eileen Browne
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson
I Will Never Eat a Tomato	Lauren Child
Rosie's Walk	Pat and Laurence Hutchins
One Snowy Night	Nick Butterworth
Dear Zoo	Rod Campbell
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister
Dogger	Shirley Hughes
Farmer Duck	Martin Waddell
Once Their Were Giants	Martin Waddell and Penny Dale
Traditional Rhymes	
Alphabet Books	
Counting Books	

Year 1

The Cat in the Hat	Dr Seuss
The Tiger Who Came to Tea	Judith Kerr
Hairy Maclary	Lynley Dodd
The Large Family Collection	Jill Murphy
Charlie and Lola	Lauren Child
The Smartest Giant in Town	Julia Donaldson
The Gruffalo's Child	Julia Donaldson
The Gigantic Turnip	Aleksei Tolstoy
The Whisperer	Nick Butterworth
Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Quentin Blake
The Trouble with Jack	Shirley Hughes
My Friend Bear	Jez Alborough
Avocado Baby	John Burningham
A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond
Funnybones	Allan Ahlberg
The Hodgeheg	Dick King-Smith
The Jolly Postman	Allan Ahlberg
Mister Magnolia	Quentin Blake
Katie Morag Series	Mairi Hedderwick
Frog and Toad are Friends	Arnold Lobel
The Princess and the Pea	Minnie Grey
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman
Don't Forget the Bacon	Pat Hutchins
Emperor of Absurdia	Chris Riddell
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka
Collins Primary Dictionary	
Children's First Encyclopaedia	
Children's Atlas	
Topic Books, eg Old Toys, Homes in the Past	
Traditional Nursery Rhymes	
Traditional Fairy Stories	

Year 2

The Cat Who Lost His Purr	Michelle Coxon
Frightened Fred	Peta Coplans
Friends	Kim Lewis
Mog Stories	Judith Kerr
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley
Frog is Frog	Max Velthuijjs
Cat and Mouse Story	Michael Rosen
The Snow Lady	Shirley Hughes
Grace and Family	Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
The Adventures of Captain Underpants	Dav Pilkey
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
Little Wolf's Book of Badness	Ian Whybrow
The Magic Finger	Roald Dahl
Mrs Wobble the Waitress	Allan Alhberg
Pirate School: Just a Bit of Wind	Jeremy Strong
George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl
The Giraffe, Pelly and Me	Roald Dahl
The Guard Dog	Dick King-Smith
Emily's Legs	Dick King-Smith
Children's Illustrated Dictionary	
Usborne Books:	
The First Encyclopaedia of Science	
The First Encyclopaedia of the Human Body	
The First Encyclopaedia of Animals	
The First Encyclopaedia of Seas and Oceans	
The Children's World Atlas (internet linked)	
Pocket Science Books	
Watt's Great Events Books:	
The Great Fire of London	
Gun Powder Plot	
Battle of Hastings	
Coronation of Elizabeth II	
Watt's Famous People Series:	
Florence Nightingale	
Louis Braille	
George Stephenson	
Thomas Edison	

Year 3

Cool	Michael Morpurgo
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo
Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo
Billy the Kid	Michael Morpurgo
The Twits	Roald Dahl
Charlie and Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Danny The Champion of the World	Roald Dahl
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl
The BFG	Roald Dahl
The Sheep Pig	Dick King-Smith
Bill's New Frock	Anne Fine
The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog	Jeremy Strong
Return of the Hundred Mile an Hour Dog	Jeremy Strong
The Naughtiest Girl in the School	Enid Blyton
Secret Seven series	Enid Blyton
Famous Five series	Enid Blyton
Animal Ark series	Lucy Daniels
Horrid Henry series	Francesca Henry's
Charlotte's Web	E B White
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Fungus the Bogeyman	Raymond Briggs
Mystery Winklesea	Helen Cresswell
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks
Mr Majeika	Humphrey Carpenter
Please Mrs Butler	Allan Ahlberg
The Sam Pig Story Book	Alison Uttley
Railway Cat	Phyllis Arkle
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	J K Rowling

Year 4

A Caribbean Dozen	John Agard & Grace Nicholls
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	John Steptoe
Beowulf	Kevin Crossley-Holland
The Firework-Maker's Daughter	Philip Pullman
The Dragon's Child	Jenny Nimmo
The Ghost Blades	Anthony Masters
Sara, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan
Smart Girls	Robert Leeson
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	Susan Jeffers & Chief Seattle
Robi Dobi	Madhur Jaffrey
The Reluctant Dragon	Kenneth Grahame
Flow	Pippa Goodhart
Dragon Poems	John Foster & Korky Paul
The Crazy Shoe Shuffle	Gillian Cross
The Sea Piper	Helen Cresswell
The Chocolate Touch	Patrick Skene Catling
Spacebaby	Henrietta Branford
Gregory Cool	Caroline Binch
A Pot of Gold	Jill Bennett
Fog Hounds Wind Cat Sea Mice	Joan Aiken
The Clothes Horse	Allan Ahlberg
It Was A Dark and Stormy Night	Allan Ahlberg
The Dancing Bear	Michael Morpurgo
The Demon Headmaster	Gillian Cross
Dog So Small	Phillipa Pearce
Emil and the Detectives	Erich Kastner
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe	C S Lewis
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert C O'Brien
Stig of the Dump	Clive King
Swallows and Amazons	Arthur Ransome
A Child's Garden of Verse	Robert Louis Stevenson
Greek Myths for Young Children	Marcia Williams
The Orchard Book of Creation Stories	Margaret Mayo & Louise Brierley

Year 5

Water Wings	Morris Gleitzman
Blabbermouth	Morris Gleitzman
Belly Flop	Morris Gleitzman
The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz
Walter and Me	Michael Morpurgo
Friend or Foe	Michael Morpurgo
Mister Monday	Garth Nix
Aquila	Andrew Norris
Harry and the Wrinklies	Alan Temperley
The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jacqueline Wilson
Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke
Journey To Jo'burg	Beverly Naidoo
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson
The Owl Service	Alan Garner
Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
Watership Down	Richard Adams
The Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K Le Guin
Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson-Burnett
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Anne of Green Gables	L M Montgomery
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Holes	Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson
The Other Side of Truth	Beverley Naidoo
Harry Potter series	J K Rowling

Year 6

Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Forgotten Voices of the Second World War	Max Arthur
The Diamond of Drury Lane	Julia Golding
Framed	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Knife Edge	Malorie Blackman
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾	Sue Townsend
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
Dragon Keeper	Carole Wilkinson
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon
Peter Pan	J M Barrie
Wizard of Oz	F Baum
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
The Railway Children	E Nesbit
The Borrowers	M Norton
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain
Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
My Story series	Various authors
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank
Boy Overboard	Morris Gleitzman
Sabriel	Garth Nix