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Dear Parents/Carers

Here are our top tips to help you, as parents encourage even the most reluctant child to develop a love of reading

- **Make time to read:** research shows that reading with your child for as little as 10 minutes a day can significantly boost how well they do at school. We expect children to read at least three times a week. Set aside a regular time every day to read with your child, whether it is for 10 minutes when they get in from school or reading a bedtime story together. Little and often works best. Some children love reading to themselves. This is great, however 'checking in' with them either with questions about the text/ illustration or just to let them know you are there is quite important.
- **Let your child choose what to read:** your child is more likely to enjoy reading if they get to choose what they read. The children have the opportunity to select their own books from our reading scheme. This allows children to enjoy what they are reading.
- **Explore different reading materials:** as well as fiction there is a whole world of comics, magazines, ebooks, audio books and non-fiction for your child to discover. We encourage children to select non-fiction books from our scheme as well.
- **Get the whole family involved:** encourage your child to read with other family members, such as grandparents, brothers and sisters, and aunts and uncles.
- **Bring stories to life:** when you read stories out loud with your child, give characters different voices and mannerisms. Try pausing the story and asking your child what happens next. You could also act out parts of the story together. This works well with especially the younger children in years reception to three.
- **Create fun reading challenges at home:** on a rainy day you could organise a treasure hunt around the house by giving your child a list of things to find and seeing how quickly they can read the list and collect all the items. This is a fantastic opportunity for all ages. Older children can look up these words in the dictionary to extend their vocabulary skills.
- **Be positive:** praise your child for trying hard with their reading and let them know it's alright to make mistakes.
- **Be a reading role model:** your child learns from you, so seeing you enjoying and valuing books can be a great inspiration!

I have attached a link for you to look at if you need further guidance on how to read with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OG2Q6pPQYw>

Kind regards

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