

Supporting your child with reading

- **Show that you read too.** Having positive reading role models is really important.
- **Continue to read to your child** - they are never too old! Choose a book together and set aside some time to share it. You could take it in turns to read pages or you could just read to them. This is a great way of taking the stress out of reading for children yet immersing them in language and story patterns.
- **No book is ever 'too easy'** - support them with reading the books they like (even if you think they are too easy) whilst encouraging them to challenge themselves too
- **Book browse together** - charity shops, book stalls, libraries
- **Encourage them to read in short, manageable chunks** - 5 minutes of good quality reading is better than slogging away for half an hour
- **Make reading fun not a chore** - perhaps read in a nice place or with a nice drink or snack.
- **Offer a worse alternative** e.g. 'put the dishes away or come and read to me' rather than making read seem like a worse thing to do (It shouldn't compete with the Xbox or another key interest)
- **Ditch books which are taking too long to read** - if your child is only managing to read 5 pages at a time, the book is not working. Encourage them to leave it for another day and find a real page turner!
- **Encourage your child to enjoy words** - find and discuss new words together, look them up in a dictionary, build a word bank