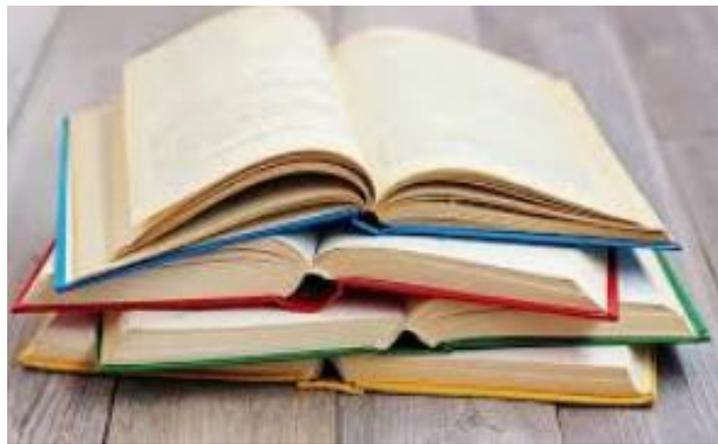


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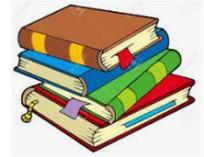


Included in this booklet are  
useful websites, top tips and  
how we teach reading skills at  
Uplands.





# Help to finding a good book



If you find it hard to find a good book for your child, these maybe useful.

Search for these on the internet.

1. Pie Corbett's Reading Spine - he recommends specific books to read for each year group.
2. School Reading List - they recommend new books and do book of the month.
3. Waterstones - they recommend books for children in two categories - 5-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds.

There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.

*Frank Serafini*

The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**Learn**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

THERE ARE MANY LITTLE WAYS TO  
ENLARGE YOUR CHILD'S WORLD.

LOVE OF BOOKS  
IS THE BEST OF ALL.

- JACQUELINE KENNEDY

**“Reading is an exercise  
in empathy;  
an exercise in walking  
in someone else's shoes  
for a while.”**



Malorie Blackman

I do believe  
something very  
magical can happen  
when you read  
a good book.

—  
J.K. Rowling

# Help your child with reading



## **Ask questions**

Ask questions about the story as they read it to you. For example - What is the story about? Why did that happen? What was your favourite part? Also, use out reading gems to pose a variety of questions on different skills.

## **Make it fun**

Read the book together. Take it in turns. Give the characters different voices. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

## **Go online**

Look online for word and spelling games.

## **Go to your local library**

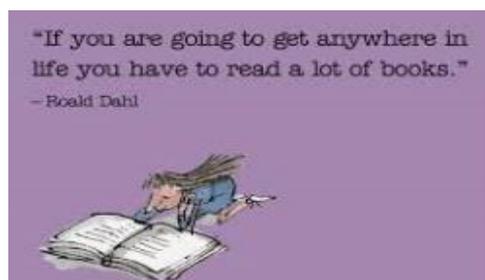
Go to your nearest public library. Find the books you loved as a child. Read some of them together.

## **Make space**

Have a special place or time when you read together.

Or read your book at the same time they are reading theirs.

Read everything out loud - books, poems, rhymes, comics and magazines.



## Top Tips



There is a lot more to reading than just reading.

- Look at the pictures before you read the text with your child discuss what you see.
- Discuss the meaning of words - any hard words, get them to first read the sentence again and can they put an easier word in the sentence so it still makes sense.
- Get them to become more confident using a dictionary and thesaurus.
- Get the children to make predictions. What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that? Again, use our reading gems to help you.
- Use terms like dilemma, resolution when discussing a problem in a story.
- Check that they know the difference between fiction and non-fiction books.

Encourage the children to use expression when reading, especially for the voices of the characters. Discuss the punctuation in the text and get them to spot any grammar features that they are learning about.

**Focus on hearing your child read a couple of pages every day and talk about the book. This gives you the opportunity to check they understand what they are reading.**