

READING – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Daily reading

To help your child with their reading, they should be reading at home for about 10 minutes every day. They are given books in school at the appropriate level and when your child has finished reading, please write a comment in his or her reading journal to show how they have read. Examples of comments include:

Great expression.

Need to take note of punctuation. (If your child isn't pausing at full stops, commas etc)

Able to summarise what has happened in the story so far.

Predicted what might happen next.

Struggled to understand what is happening.

These comments give us an indication of how your child reads at home. In the middle of your child's reading journal, there are different questions you can be asking your child during reading, to check he or she understands. Examples of questions to ask your child, which we are working on in class are:

What has happened so far? (Summarising the text)

Asking what unfamiliar words mean. (Words your child has not heard of or used before. They can read around the word to help work out what it might mean.)

How do the different characters feel? Encourage your child to find the evidence from the text. For example if a character is sad, how do they know?

Book Study

We are continuing with our book study of 'The Enchanted Wood' and there has been an improvement in the enjoyment of reading since starting this. Please read the chapters set each week with your child discussing the five questions set. These are discussion questions between you and your child and do not need to be written down. The two task questions should be written down and can be discussed with your child before they write the answers. Most of the time, one of the questions is a summary and should include the main points from the story rather than retelling the whole chapter.