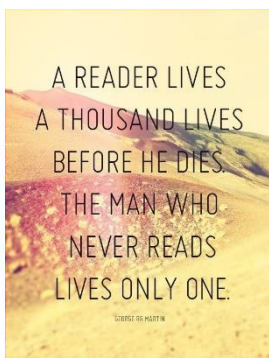


TOP TIPS:

- *Ease them in (try starting with just 5 minutes and building up each day/week as meets the needs of your child).
- *All reading is good – don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good. Try work up to increasing the range of what they're reading once good habits are established!
- *Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. Get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?
- *Give books as presents and (once it is possible again to do so) encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- *Encourage children to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored (this is something you can do too!).
- *Keep reading together. As your children become older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories – perhaps you could try the Harry Potter series or A Series of Unfortunate Events.
- *Choose books of films they want to see or have seen to suit their interests and if they want to re-read a book again and again that's great too!
- *Start (or continue with) a "no technology time" where you all read and, if you have an e-reader, combine love of technology with reading!

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



*Most importantly of all, offer continued encouragement, support and praise for reading!

You can find a range of these and other tips at:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

<https://blog.allaboutlearningpress.com/motivating-kids-to-read/>

Reading will form a vital role in our school's approach to helping all children to catch up in line with government recommended approaches. It has never been more important for them to read and we cannot stress enough how central your support with this philosophy will be in your child's success. Please speak to your child's teacher with any specific queries about their reading.

Kind Regards
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