



Encourage children to think about the genre of the story - science fiction, adventure, historical, supernatural, etc...



At whatever stage your child has reached always praise them for achievements large and small.

At Martham Primary School we believe that families and teachers can work together to help children read well.



Martham Primary & Nursery School

Reading Together



Introduction

Our aim in school is that children become confident, independent readers who enjoy reading texts of all kinds.

In order for this to happen successfully, it is essential that children read regularly at home, as well as at school. Children need the help of their families to become good readers. This should be an enjoyable experience for both of you!



Things To Try

Try and spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child.

Choose a time when they are not tired or hungry and try to make sure there are no distractions. Sit somewhere comfortable and close together. You can read anything that interests your child:

- Books, new and familiar
- Letters and notes from you
- Comics, food packaging
- Print in the environment - road signs, street names, advertisements, etc.

When a child is learning to read they will often choose the same text over and over again. This is important to build confidence.



Read the chosen book to your child as many times as s/ he wants. Then let your child 'read' it to you.

Encourage your child to follow the text with their finger. Some children enjoy reading aloud with you or read alternate pages.

If your child gets stuck on a word, encourage them to have a go by looking at the first letter sound and the picture and thinking of a word that would make sense. More fluent readers should read on the use the context to make an informed guess.



Always give the word if it is very difficult or there are any signs of stress.

If a young child reads a word incorrectly, but it makes sense, leave it.



Young children enjoy making their own books to read with simple repeated phrases, eg I like to....., I can....., etc

Also cutting up a written sentence and trying to put it back together.

As children grow older and more fluent, it is still important to read with and to them.



Ask questions about the book, e.g. What is your favourite part? What do you think will happen next? Have you read any other books by this author? Would you recommend it to your friend? Do you have a favourite author?