



Please do not hesitate to speak with your class teacher if you have any questions.

Any help from parents listening to children in school is greatly valued and appreciated.



"There is no skill on earth that children want to acquire more than reading."

-- Dr. Marion Blank, from her book, *The Reading Remedy*

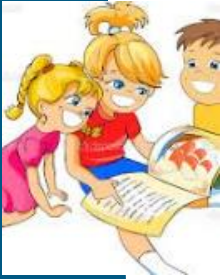


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Helping Your Child
with their reading
and understanding
of text
in Year 3





Please encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis. Let them listen to you read and use amazing expression and also let them read out loud to you.

Reading a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry will support your child's learning at school.

Summarise what the story was about (The **plot** of the story).

Describe what a character is feeling/thinking about at a certain part of the story. How do you know that the child is angry if the word 'angry' isn't in the text?

Jot down some words that they find hard to read or don't understand on post-it notes or make flashcards and stick to the fridge door or in their bedroom.

Ask about the **setting** of the story. What places are mentioned or visited? Discuss how they are described. Collect amazing adjectives/ similes.

Discuss what they have learnt in a non-fiction book? Can you name all of the features? Heading, sub-headings etc.

Think of an alternative ending for the story. What could have happened instead?

Describe the main characters in the text. Think about appearance (what they look like in pictures) and personality (how they act in the story. Are they funny, friendly?)

Hints and tips to help your child with their reading and writing

Play word games. Have your child sound out the word as you change it from *mat* to *fat* to *sat*; from *sat* to *sag* to *sap*; and from *sap* to *sip* etc.

Don't leave home without it. Bring along a book, magazine or reading on a tablet/ iPad any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's etc. Always try to fit in reading!

Gently correct your young reader. When your child makes a mistake, gently point out the letters he or she overlooked or read incorrectly. Many beginning readers will guess wildly at a word based on its first letter.

Talk, talk, talk! Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around the house. Use a range of grown up vocabulary to help children widen the range of words that they understand when they are reading.

Learn the secret to tricky words. Practice reading and spelling the common exception words and Year 3/4 words.

Write, write, write!

Ask your child to help you to write out the grocery list, a thank you note to their Grandma, or maybe keep a journal of special things that happen at home. When writing, encourage your child to say tricky words out loud, split them into sections to support spelling.