



WHY READ AT HOME

All research shows that children who read regularly at home are more likely to develop a love of reading and make better progress in school than children who don't.

Reading to your child creates a calm and caring atmosphere and it will help them to create a happy and positive relationship with books and reading

Listening to stories regularly helps children to make predictions, develop rhyming skills, increases logical thinking, imagination and curiosity.

Reading with your child will increase their vocabulary, which improves their reading and writing.



TOP TIPS FOR READING

AT HOME

- Set aside some quiet time and find a place without any distractions. Turn TVs and all screens off!
- Keep reading sessions short and enjoyable—reading should never be a chore!
- Give plenty of praise and let you know that you are enjoying listening to them read.
- Sometimes read with your child or take it in turns to read a page each.
- Visit the library to find books that your child is interested in. Reading is a great way to develop hobbies and interests.
- Listen to stories on CDs, the radio or the internet and give your child a wide variety of text types including magazines, recipes and instructions.
- Children of all ages enjoy hearing stories. Read aloud to your child as often as you can.



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

CHARACTER

How do you think ___ is feeling?

Why did ___ say ___?

What voice might these characters use?

What was ___ thinking when ___?

Who is your favourite character? Why?

Which character did you like least? Why?



SCENE

Where is this part of the story set?

Would you like to live in this setting? Why/ why not?



BOOK

Tell me what the book is about?

Why did you choose this book?

What genre is it? How do you know?

Have you read other books by the same author?

What do you think the main message is?



WORDS

Which word tells you that___?

Can you think of a word that means the same/ opposite as?

Why did the author use this work?

READING AND PHONICS

A guide to using the Collins Big Cat Books



Our new reading books closely match the letters and sounds your child is learning in their phonics lessons.

In each book, on the inside cover, there are steps to follow before reading the book e.g. practising sounds and key words and checking your child understands the meaning of different words that appear in the book.

Children will keep each book until they are reading it **fluently** and **confidently**. This could be up to two weeks and books will be changed by a teacher.

Once children have completed all of the Phonics Phases, they will move onto reading a varied selection of reading books stored in each classroom.



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HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ FOR PLEASURE AND PURPOSE



The ability to read fluently, with understanding and pleasure is the most important academic gift we can give our children.

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