



Supporting Reading

How you can help your child at home

- Encourage them to talk about their interests
- **Get them to choose – buy or borrow – a book linked to their interests**
- Visit a bookshop or library together.
- **Newspapers and magazines are all valid reading material.**
- You could ask them to read some of your letters/post to you!
- **Have a family reading night ... treats essential!**
- Encourage them to read to a younger brother/sister/cousin etc.
- **Ask them questions about adverts**
- Ask them about the book(s) they are reading in school.
- **Buy “First News” ... newspaper aimed at young people, widely available.**
- Ask them to find information on the internet e.g. Supermarket opening hours or Doctor’s phone number.
- **Encourage them to read a newspaper story to you; then you can ask them questions about it.**
- YOU read to them!
- **Don’t be afraid to abandon a book if you really don’t like it.**
- If your child finds 5 or more words per page too tough.... try an easier book.
- **There are lots of on-line sources too e.g. BBC News**