



Where Getting Better Never Stops

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Reading at Southam Primary - Children who read, do better!

As another year starts, we just wish to remind you of some top tips to support you with reading at home, and remind you of the importance of sharing reading for **all** children.

Why Read With Your child?

Reading with your child, for just a few minutes a day, will help them develop their vocabulary, their understanding of language and the world around them, and help them develop a love of books. Plus children love spending time with the grown-ups in their lives too!

Age is no barrier – just because your child may be a confident, older reader, does not mean you cannot share reading experiences with them. Talk to your child about what they are reading; share the book together; ask them to tell you about the characters or plot; it's fine to not like a book, but talk about why.

Showing an interest is important; reading regularly is vital.

My Child Doesn't Want to Read

With so many other activities competing for children's time, how can you continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure?

- Ensure that your children see you reading. It doesn't matter if it's the newspaper, a cookery book, romantic novel, detective mystery, short stories, computer manual, magazine, blog - anything!
- Encourage children to join in - ask children to read out a recipe for you as you cook, instructions for a game, letters from school, or the TV listings when you are watching TV
- Visit the local library together on a regular basis, and enjoy spending time choosing new books
- Encourage children to carry a book at all times, so they can read on journeys or in spare moments – you can do this, too!
- Keep reading together: Read books you can all talk about, but make the talk light-hearted, not testing or over-questioning
- Make sure your home is a reading home - have a family bookshelf or shelf in your children's bedroom
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again - being honest, we've probably all done it!

Please come and ask your teacher for advice and support with reading at home - we're here to help!

As always, thank you for your continued home support,

Southam Primary Staff

