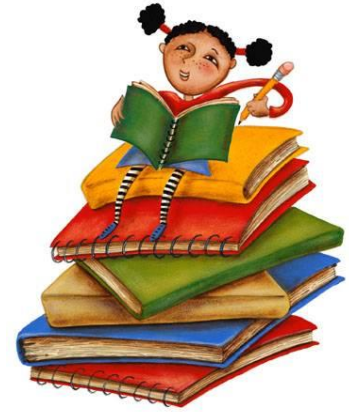


Helpful Hints



Reading

- Talk about the book with your child.
- Spot tricky words and say the word out loud.
- Discuss sounds that your child can spot.
- Share reading – take it in turns to read parts or pages.
- Emphasise the way you read, taking note of punctuation, voice and expression.
- Join in with patterns and rhyme. Ask children to spot words that are repeated throughout the book.
- Speak out loud the punctuation as this will help children internalise it.
- If your child is stuck on a word
 - Give them time to think
 - Can they sound it out?
 - Use pictorial cues
 - Read the rest of the sentence – what would make sense?
 - Break the word up into chunks
 - If they are still stuck, tell them and get them to re-read the sentence

Writing

- Encourage them to write shopping lists, birthday cards or help you write notes or letters.
- Encourage children to say their sentence out loud before writing it down.
- Focus on capital letters and full stops.
- Correct spelling when it is a HFW or when children have previously learnt the spelling.
- Correct spelling of days of the week.
- Ensure children are holding their pen/pencil correctly.
- Remind children to start and finish their letters in the correct place.
- Don't worry too much about reversals – children will learn this with time.