



How to support your child with reading at home.

"Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

-Roald Dahl



What can your child read?

- 📖 Every child is encouraged to develop a love of reading, which is why we encourage children to select books that they are interested in.
- 📖 Children should be given exposure to a range of texts:
- 📖 Could they read a non-fiction biography on their favourite sportsperson?
- 📖 Do they have a passion for a particular topic, e.g. animal care? Could they read an information non-fiction book based on this topic?
- 📖 Could they read fictional novels from different cultures or time periods?

What can you do to help support your child with reading?

- 📖 Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day.
- 📖 Talk to your child about the book they are reading.
- 📖 Model reading so that your child can see that it is 'normal' to read.
- 📖 Check their planners to see what they are reading.
- 📖 Question your child about the book they are reading.
- 📖 Look at different styles of writing - diaries, magazines, autobiographies etc.



Programmes used in school to support your child with reading



Read Write Inc

At Monkseaton Middle School we use Read Write Inc Phonics (RWInc) early in Year 5 to get children off to a flying start with their Literacy development.

Read Write Inc is a method of learning centred around letter sounds and phonics, and we use it to support and encourage children in their reading.

Read Write Inc. was developed by Ruth Miskin and provides a structured and systematic approach to teaching literacy. It is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers, and willing writers. More information on this can be found

at <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

We continue teaching RWI to children through the Fresh start modules this is especially important for those children who need to continue to develop these essential skills.





Accelerated Reader

- 📖 To ensure the children have access to the best books available, we have invested greatly in a wide range of books which cater for the needs of all children, a variety of interests and genres.
- 📖 These have been chosen by the children and we are committed to continuing to add to these books each year.
- 📖 To support our focus on reading, we researched a number of reading programs that would help develop a culture of 'reading for pleasure', as well as allowing staff, families and pupils to monitor progress and attainment.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is an online programme that monitors reading practice and progress. It helps to guide children to books that are on the individual child's reading levels.

Children complete Accelerated Reader two mornings per week in registration and reading age data is gathered five times a year to make sure the right level of book is suggested. The aim of Accelerated Reader is for all children to succeed in achieving their goals.

Children can log onto Accelerated Reader in school to check the level of a book if they are concerned that the book may not be at the appropriate level, and their English teacher or Form Tutor can support with this.



Family Guide to Accelerated-Reader

Questions to ask when reading with your child

Engaging your child in discussions about their reading can significantly enhance their comprehension and thinking skills. Here are some questions that you can ask your child during or after reading to help develop these skills:

During Reading

Prediction Questions:

What do you think will happen next?

Why do you think the character did that?

Clarification Questions:

Do you understand what this part means?

Are there any words or phrases that are confusing?

Connection Questions

Does this part remind you of anything in your life?

How is this character similar to someone you know?

Visualization Questions:

Can you picture what this place looks like?

What do you think the characters look like?



After Reading

Summary Questions:

Can you tell me what happened in the story in your own words?

What was the most important event in the story?

Character Analysis Questions:

Who was your favorite character and why?

How did the character change throughout the story?

Theme and Message Questions:

What message do you think the author is trying to convey?

How does this story relate to real-life situations?

Opinion and Reflection Questions:

What did you like or dislike about the story?

If you could change one part of the story, what would it be and why?

Inference Questions:

Why do you think the character acted that way?

What do you think the author wants us to feel about this situation?

Here are some easy ways that families can help children become strong, successful readers:

1. Build reading into your child's daily routine

Find a regular time for reading in your child's day, so that they can begin to expect it as part of their routine. This can be any time of day. Some children enjoy reading before bed, but others can just be too exhausted at night. It might be better for some children to read just after dinner, or in the morning after breakfast, when they have more energy.

2. Read every day.

Reading regularly at home provides children with the practice they need to become great readers. The best way to incorporate reading in the household is to devote 20 to 40 minutes, at the same time every evening, to family reading time.

3. Encourage your child to follow their interests

Let your children choose the books they read. You can do this by keeping books on a shelf they have regular access to, or presenting them with two to three books and letting them choose.

4. Be a great reading partner!

It's no fun to read when you're forced to or feel

embarrassed to read. Building trust and supporting a child reader is crucial as a reading partner.

5. Bring books everywhere.

Incorporating books into everyday activities will continue to help children become more familiar with books and will encourage everyday reading. Place books in every room of the house, in the car, and take books everywhere.

6. Be enthusiastic!

Positive attitudes are very important to a child's reading development and generate a desire to read. Showing genuine excitement for children's reading skills will encourage them to become great readers. Struggling readers may start to develop a negative attitude towards reading, but showing them that reading can be fun will get them excited about reading time.

7. Take breaks while reading

Your child doesn't have to read an entire book in one go! Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it's just a couple of minutes at a time. If they have to close the book early because it's time for tea, or they're just losing interest,

that's okay. Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.

 *happy reading!* 