



Top tips for reading with your child at home!



Armfield Academy

Your child will bring a pink banded book home. This is the first colour for new and early readers. They will be given a range of books within this band. Sometimes they will get a non fiction. It is not expected at this stage that they will be able to read the whole book. For some children they will be at the stage of talking about the book, for others they may recognise some letter sounds or words. Talk about the title, pictures and what is happening in the book. Talk about their favourite part, what they like or do not like about the book. Track the text as you read by pointing to each word as you say it. Read expressively using different voices. Enjoy your child's favourite books as well as their home/school book. Enjoy this very special time with your child and remember supporting your child at home improves their listening and concentration skills and boosts their confidence and reading skills.

Below are some Apps to download onto your tablet, phone or computer.

- Jolly Phonics
- Pocket Phonics
- Hairy Letters
- Read with Phonics
- Teach your Monster to Read

How can you help at home?

Read with your child every day. Spot letters/words on the pages. Count how many times a word appears in the book. Read as many words as you can in one minute. Identify initial sounds that are familiar to them like 'm' for mum and 'd' for dog. Talk to your child about the meaning of unfamiliar and new words.

Oral blending of words

Words are made up of individual sounds and children need to be able to hear each sound in a word to successfully read it. In school we use robot arms and sound buttons to blend individual sounds together to read words. Ask your child to demonstrate how they use their robot arms!

Games to play at home

Play eye spy

Sort household objects by their initial sound.

Sing the alphabet song saying the letter name and matching it to the correct sound.

Make sure you are saying the letter sounds (p-i-g) not the letter names (pee-eye-gee).

Thankyou for your continued support and helping your child to read at home.
Any questions please ask your child's class teachers.