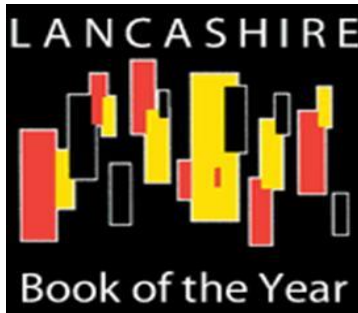
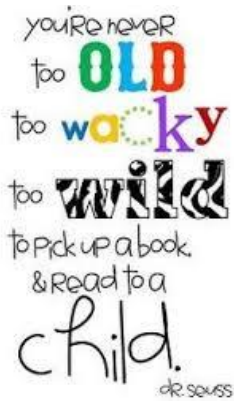


# Reading Matters

“The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you’ll go.”  
-Dr. Seuss



Visit the Lancashire Book of the Year site to find out what children in Lancashire have voted as some of the top reads. The site includes reviews and details of past [winners](#).



Experts in child literacy are unanimous in their belief that parents should read with their children. The power of the parent-child bond has a positive effect on a child's attitude toward reading and their ability to read. Paired reading works - either read to your child or read the same book individually then discuss what you have read. It is always good to have someone to share your thoughts with and this will encourage your child to talk more as well as introducing a competitive edge – who can finish first?

Visit the Reading is Fundamental [site](#) for top tips on how to support your child with reading.

Visit the 'Good [Reads](#)' , 'Epic [Reads](#)' or 'Teen [Reads](#)' site for tips on top reads for teenagers.

Visit the local library and ask the librarian for their advice on popular reads.

Try fiction, non-fiction and short stories or articles to get your child into reading.

Subscribe to First [News](#) – the weekly newspaper for young people.

# TOP TIPS

**Make reading a priority.** Whether it's ten minutes every night before bed or an hour every Sunday morning, it helps to set aside a specific time for reading and eventually it will become a habit that will be difficult to break.

**Be a good role model.** Let your child see you reading, and share your excitement when you enjoy a great book of your own.

**Create the right atmosphere.** Make sure your child has a quiet comfortable place to read – it helps to ensure that, even in a busy home, there's a quiet place for reading where computers, phones, televisions and any other electronic gadgets are turned off.

**Introduce new books** – use the local libraries, charity shops, bookstores and school library to find new reads. Remember the Book Swap Station at school where students can bring in books and borrow new ones. There is a book out there for everyone but your child needs to find the right one for them!

**Give support and encouragement** - Talk about books and never criticise their reading choices. Sign their reading cards for school and comment on their achievements.

**Be sneaky** – find ways to get your child to read by getting them to read aloud to you. Try asking them to read out recipes, instruction leaflets, junk mail, directions, signs and posters. Whatever you can get them to read and discuss, helps with their understanding of language.

