

Hallam Home Learning Guide to support your child with reading

Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)

Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is! Any stories, magazines, comics or leaflets at home.

Try a book swap with a friend. Recommend a book.

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"Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills."

"Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures". EEF

Top_Tips_to_Support_Reading_at_Home.pdf
(educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)

Pick the right time

Try and find somewhere quiet. Turn off the electronics, put down your phone and snuggle in. This is a time to enjoy.



Ask your child lots of questions
All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read
If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

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Maintain the motivation to read

Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'



Read and discuss reading with friends or family

Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'



Books to read and stories to listen to

Stories to listen to or read along to

- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>
- [School Radio - School Radio \(bbc.co.uk\)](https://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/)
- [Bitesize Book Club Lessons - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize)

Lockdown learning from the BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvryp4j>

Free audio books

- [Audible Stories: Free Audiobooks for Kids | Audible.com](https://www.audible.com/?ref=AUDIBLE_US&pf_rd_p=81111111-1111-1111-1111-111111111111)

Meet the authors

<https://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

BBC bedtime stories

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

R W inc phonics- daily lessons for spelling, sounds and stories

[Ruth Miskin Training - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Amazons Audiobook site 'Audible; has made all stories free for children to stream on a desktop, laptop phone or table:

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

School help

If you are struggling with learning or tech, we are always here to help too. Please contact your child's year groups enquiries email if you get stuck.