



Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Academy



Top Tips to Support Your Child's Reading

Please help your child to understand that reading isn't just about the words or the pictures on the page. These are some of the ways you can help to develop their critical thinking and comprehension:

- Ask them to write a short book review. Did they enjoy the book? What rating would they give the book? Who would they recommend it to?
- Can they predict what might happen next?
- Create their own book cover.
- Write a short 'blurb'. What is this book about?
- Choose a character and bring it to life through drawing/painting.
- How would they perhaps change the ending if they were the author? Do they think they could improve it?
- Can they design an illustration for a page in the book?

Top Tips to Develop a Love of Reading

- Grow a love of reading – hook into their interests. Talk about the book they are watching the film of. Ask them what they want to read. Share magazines and instructions.
- 'Snuggle up' to read – set the scene!
- Reading shouldn't just be reserved for bedtime.
- Reading does not have to be all about fiction.
- Get more out of a picture book. Talk about the pictures. Imagine what the view would be like if you were in the book looking out.
- Get your child to read to a younger/older sibling, a family member, a family pet or their favourite teddy.
- Lead by example; show your children that you love books too.
- 'Magpie' interesting or unusual words from the text. See how many times you can use this word when speaking to each other across the week. The rule is that it has to be used in context!