

## How can you support your child's reading at home?

Share positive thoughts around reading and the importance of perseverance when words are more difficult.

Avoid reading being seen as a chore with requests such as; "If you read for 15 minutes, you can...."

Take an interest in what your child is reading and engage in discussion whilst modelling an engagement in reading.

Give lots of praise and encouragement whilst showing an interest in what they have read.

### Top Tips:

#### Make Time

Research by the National Literacy showed that reading for pleasure increased during the lockdown; partly due to having less distractions. Helping young people to manage their time and factor reading into their schedule would be beneficial.

#### Explore

Support young people to be proactive in their wider reading. For example; if they are covering a specific topic, explore other age appropriate texts on this which may include articles or poems.

#### Reading for Pleasure

Encourage your child with reading texts for pleasure and not just texts for school. Create a calm environment for them to choose age related texts and create discussions around them.

#### Read out loud with your child

Children enjoy reading out loud when they are younger, but this dwindles as they go through secondary school and when they no longer share a connection over a book. Read with your child as much as possible or listen to audiobooks together.



"If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all." OSCAR WILDE