



The Cedars Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th September 2021

Reading at Home

Now that the threat of Covid-19 has reduced in schools we are able to start sending home physical resources to use with your child.

We will:

- Send home a book or text at your child's reading level in their book bag everyday. Please send the book and bag back in everyday.
- Take your child to the school library every week so that they can choose a book

We would like you to:

- Listen to your child read at least three times a week
- Sign the home/school reading record and return it in the book bag



Tips for reading at home with your child

- Try to get in the habit of reading in a quiet place when you are not busy with other things.
- 5 - 10 minutes is usually long enough. Little and often is best.
- If it's a new book, always start by having a look at the book's cover, title, pictures and characters.
- When your child tries to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of phonetic letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'. So for 'cat' you'd say c-a-t; not CAT.
- Don't pressurise if they are reluctant. If your child loses interest, then do something else and come back to it at a better time.
- Maintain the flow. If your child mispronounces a word don't interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It's better to tell a child some unknown words or give clues from the pictures to keep things moving rather than insisting on their trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters.
 - Use the *pause*, *prompt*, *praise* technique. If they make a mistake, *pause* for a few seconds to see if they self-correct, then *prompt* by asking: "Does that makes sense?" *Praise* them for finishing the page or trying hard.
 - Be positive. Don't correct every word if what they're reading makes sense. For example, your child says 'his dad' but the book has 'his father' – just carry on, you could then talk about it later.



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