

Reading at home: Top Tips!

- ✓ To begin with, it is key for the children to **keep practising the sounds and high frequency words.**
- ✓ The children need to hold their own book.
- ✓ Please begin by encouraging them to read the title so they can begin to predict what is going to happen (this is usually tricky because of the font/capitals in the title so please help when necessary).
- ✓ Discuss what they think may happen in the story using the front cover and the title.
- ✓ Children to turn the pages by themselves.
- ✓ Children to point at the first word and sound out the word by pointing at each sound.
- ✓ After sounding out each word, children need to attempt to blend the sounds together (this could be a guess so the children may need support after they've attempted a few times. The skill of blending will come with lots of practise).
- ✓ After blending each word, then move on to the next word.
- ✓ Then reread the sentence or phrase together. As your child becomes more confident with blending, encourage them to do this independently to help fluency and understanding.

- ✓ If your child loses concentration, then stop for that day. (5 minutes of quality reading is better than half an hour of battling!)
- ✓ **Daily** reading little (a few pages) and often is key to maintain progress.
- ✓ Please come and see Miss Holliday or Mrs Gill if you need any further support in helping your child learn to read 😊