

## READING WITH YOUR CHILD

### Here are a list of strategies you can use to help your child become a successful and fluent reader.

If you can, find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer. Allow 10-15 minutes (at least) per day.

- Sit close together and allow your child to hold the book.
- If your child becomes 'stuck' on a word:
  - Give them time to work it out
  - Break the word down – smaller parts of the word (prefixes for example) may help decode it
  - Begin the sentence again
  - Read 'around' the word in order to make a guess at what it could be
  - If you tell them the word, go back and read the sentence again. This way, they will see the word in context.



### To help your child **COMPREHEND** (understand) a text:

- Ask questions about what they have already read – 'What has happened in the story so far?'
- Infer and predict what might happen in the rest of the chapter/story based on what you have already read
- Make connections between characters in the story
- Make connections with real-life – Does the story relate to an experience your child has had or another book they have read?
- Encourage your child to visualise what they are reading – How do they imagine places/people to look?
- Revisit previous chapters/parts of the story in order for the book to become a bigger/whole picture.

Choose books that are the correct level of challenge for your child. If you need any help with this, please ask your child's teacher.

