

Online Reading – Hints and Links

Online reading is great too and can be fun - there are lots of educational games and websites that involve reading such as:

Newsround 'Quiz of the Week' for KS2

[:https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/44649071](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/44649071)

'Do You Know?' quizzes on CBeebies

[:https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/maddies-do-you-know-quizzes](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/maddies-do-you-know-quizzes)

For UKS2 Science and Technology fiends(!), 'How it Works' is great and there are online links, too:

<https://www.howitworksdaily.com/>

National Geographic Kids:

https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/subscribeuk/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwivbsBRDsARIsADyISJ81u5_xGmYiqAZK-KNBUSq4mhHsqyMo9KHH6ujlKOwVvF-H0sRF6sUaAs2REALw_wcB

Aquila KS2:

<https://www.aquila.co.uk/>

The Caterpillar for 7-11 year-olds:

<http://www.thecaterpillarmagazine.com/>

Scoop (8-12 years):

<https://scoopthemag.co.uk/>

Anorak (6-10 years):

<https://anorakmagazine.com/collections/all>

Okido (3-8 years):

<http://www.okido.co.uk/>

Storytime (Preschool - Year 1):

<https://www.storytimemagazine.com/issues/?porc=fcboEmrujbxCyozhxwfBxrrtwggfojh>

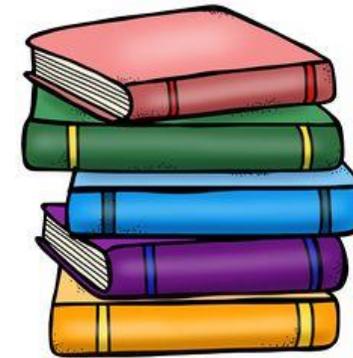
The Week Junior for KS2:

https://theweekjunior.co.uk/subscriptions?ppcad=true&&gclid=Cj0KCQjwivbsBRDsARIsADyISJ_LT7MMSDZUdea8uvZaF_07EduAH_JCLxjBnsFKvqWy7ExEmQ5H58aAhCREALw_wcB



Titchmarsh
Primary School

Unity of Titchmarsh and Warmington Schools



A Guide for Everyone!!

We Love Reading!

Reading is such an important part of your child's education and a crucial foundation to successful learning. At the Unity, we are committed to building a love of reading across each school, giving a wide range of opportunities for your children to read and develop a love of reading that will set them up for life.

As schools, we will:

- Provide high quality reading books in our libraries and in our lessons to inspire the children and encourage them to read a wide variety of books;
- Listen to the children read on a regular basis;
- Encourage them to visit libraries and read different genres;
- Constantly look at our offer so that pupils have an inspiring range of books to love.

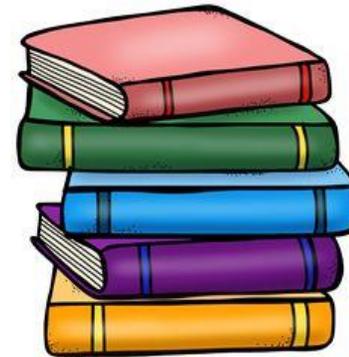
We have Reading as a core part of our Literacy lessons and these run four days a week. Both schools also run Phonics lessons for our youngest children and guided reading sessions run for the older children. Please speak to your child's Class Teacher for more information about these.

What you can do:

- **Read as much as possible.** Every night is ideal for 10 minutes rather than one or two heavy sessions of 30 minutes or more;
- **Make reading part of your routine** i.e. while the bath is running, at bedtime or while older siblings are doing homework;
- **When reading, make it fun** - use silly voices for characters and share reading so you read and your child reads some each;
- **School reading books** are good but a variety is more fun. Comics, cookery books, leaflets for visiting places - even reading maps is good practice!
- **Having a comic or magazine** delivered can be really exciting! It can be a great Christmas present idea that lasts all year and most have an annual too or tie-in books (esp. National Geographic kids)!
- **Film tie-ins** - often when a film is released, there are books re-released that might appeal to children if they love the film.

Helping your child with their reading

- **CVC (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant) words** – cat, dog, bed, hen: initial, middle and final letter sounds. Move into rhyming strings: e.g. cat, rat, bat, hat, etc. Can they name a word that rhymes with__?
- It is encouraged that **children re-read books initially** to help them develop their pace and confidence;
- **Don't try to rush through longer stories in one day.** It is always better to reflect on what has been read and to think about what might happen next;
- **If your child is tired,** try again at another time;
- **All reading books are banded by stages** and when your teacher thinks your child is ready, they will be moved up to the next level.



Thank you for your support!!

Happy Reading!!

Helping your child with their reading

- **Developing good reading skills is hugely important.** Please encourage your child to read aloud each day and to talk about the story in some detail;
- **Please write the name of the book (and pages) you have heard your child read** in the reading record with a date and a brief comment;
- Many children will read from memory so **it is important to check that they are actually reading.** To help with this, ask your child to point to a particular word, to find a word beginning with or ask if they can find similar words on the page;
- **Give help with unfamiliar words** by using picture clues, sounding out initial sounds, stretching sounds heard in the middle and listening for the final letter sound. They may also need to break up longer words into two: e.g. out/side.
- Understanding of the story: **ask questions about what has happened in the story.** Can your child retell the story in their own words? Does your child have any similar experiences that they can compare the story to? How is the character feeling? Why? How do you know that? What did the character do/say? Why did they say/do that?
- **How does the author make the story interesting?** Ask questions such as "What does the author mean when he says...?" Children often find it hard to appreciate the inference in text so it helps to talk to them about it;
- **Support children in extending their vocabulary** by asking them about the meaning of new words and explaining the meanings to them where needed.

- **Kindles** are a great way of reading (they can go anywhere and print and backgrounds can be altered for dyslexic readers) and Kindle Unlimited is a cheap way of buying online books;
- **Join your local library.** Oundle and Thrapston Libraries and all the Peterborough libraries (Central Library in Broadway, Hampton and Orton) have great, free resources for children and have special events in the holidays to encourage children (craft and making activities too - not just books!) It's a great way for children to browse through different books and genres and be 'comfortable around books' and it's a great way to meet other families;
- **Oxfam, The Works and The Book People** are a great source of books as well as all the big supermarkets;
- **Audio books** are a lovely way to listen to stories (particularly on long car journeys) and can often be borrowed from local libraries. (and often available cheaply from The Book People);
- **Classic stories** often have children's versions to appeal to first readers. (Ladybird books are a great example with a page of simple text and beautiful illustrations);
- **'Spotter' and information books** are great fun when you are out and about. There are lots of nature and city guides for children produced by Usborne and Dorling Kindersley;
- **Encourage other family members to read to your child** or let your child read to pets or even a favourite cuddly toy;
- **Question your child about characters and words** - engage in discussion: "What do you think will happen next?", "Who is your favourite character and why?", "Which word tells us that the witch is evil?"
- **Keep books in the car and at grandparents'/other family members' homes, too** - try to encourage reading even when an online game or playing on a phone is the easiest option;
- **Jackanory Junior on iPlayer** has some fantastic stories read by famous actors (on YouTube, too - Tom Hardy was very popular!) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg/episodes/guide>
- **Bring favourite books** in to share in school - teachers love to see them and read to the class!
- **.....and in the long term, remember that research shows that children who are good readers engage more of their brain and can study for longer!!**

