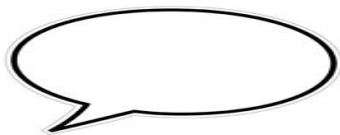
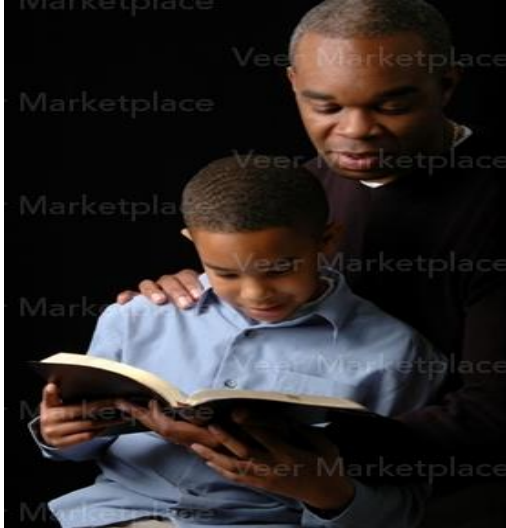




DUNKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please Read With Me!



"...I love this story! Let's read a page each! I wonder what's going to happen next? Do you like this book? You worked that difficult word out really well! You are getting better and better at reading!"

Some ideas of what to say when listening to your child read...

**I want you to
do the
reading!**

**Good
try!!**

**Just have a
go! See if you
can work it
out!**

**It doesn't
matter if you
make
mistakes!**

What to do if your child gets stuck reading a word:



Encourage them to “have a go” at working it out for themselves!

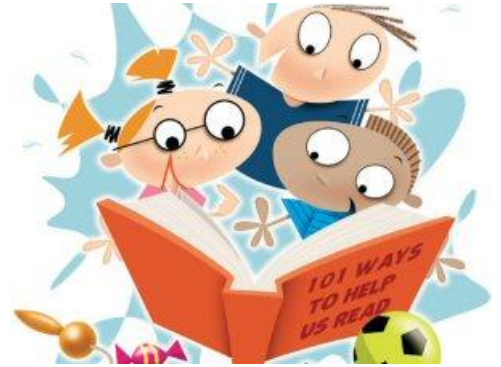
If still stuck... Remind them of the strategies they could use:

- “Blend” the sounds of the letters together
- Miss the word out and read on – what word would make sense?
- Think if it looks like any other word you know or has the same spelling pattern
- Split the word up
- Look at any pictures or diagrams that might provide a clue
- Think about the topic or theme of the book/ story- what type of word might you expect to find?

If still stuck after a couple of prompts then YOU read the word for them so they don't lose interest!

If your child is reading all the words correctly but not “reading with understanding” then STOP them and ask a few questions to get them to think about what is happening... UNDERSTANDING what we read is a vital part of reading!

We all want our children to improve their reading skills and ENJOY reading for information and for pleasure!



Here are some SUGGESTIONS of things you can say BEFORE, DURING and AFTER reading...

BEFORE READING:

- What do you think the book will be about?

DURING READING:

- How can you work out that word?
- Does that make sense?
- What does that word mean?
- What do you think the author means there?
- Great reading!
- That didn't sound right did it? You went back and read it again- Well done!
- Well done for trying again!

AFTER READING:

- Talk about the reading... what you/ your child enjoyed, what it was about, any surprises, how the characters may have felt, what you/ your child thinks will happen next!!
- Praise reading successes- eg. words they struggled with and managed to work out independently or for using a good reading voice, using expression.

FACT: Children who regularly read books with their families at home, do better at school.

Simple things you can do to help!

Hearing Your Child Read...

- Hear your child read as often as you can and make it an enjoyable time for both of you!
- Make sure the book is at the right level – struggling over too many words can put children off!
- Praise your child! Be positive about their attempts at working out new words – don't just tell them straight away, let them have a go.

- Ask if they like the books they are reading – if the books aren't interesting your child then talk to your child's teacher and try to find ones that do!
- Encourage your child to turn off the TV or computer game to make time for reading! Sit down, have a bit of special quiet time together and have a read!



Reading To Your Child...

- If your child is struggling to read and is getting bored reading books with few words and a limited storyline, make sure you are also reading stories to them at a higher level to keep their interest and enjoyment!
- Read a bedtime story to your child as part of their bedtime routine. This shouldn't be a time for your child to read aloud but a time when you read a great story that they will enjoy listening to... It needs to be a story above the level they can read independently and one that they enjoy! (Ask school for suggestions if you are not sure).
- Keep reading with your child! Once your child can read confidently and is a "free reader", it is still so important to continue to read with them at home! They may not need to read aloud to you anymore but keep sharing stories together – ones that you read aloud! This keeps their enjoyment of reading and helps them continue to enjoy more difficult stories whilst giving ideas for your child's writing.



You As The Most Important Role Model...

- Let them see you reading – your own book, the paper, on line reading, magazines, recipes – children need to see that reading is important to you and that it is useful and all around us!
- Visit the library together to choose bedtime story books or non-fiction books about subjects that your child is interested in.

