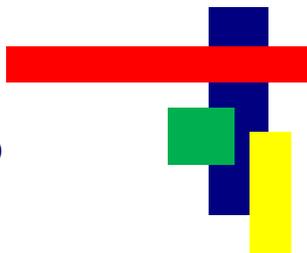


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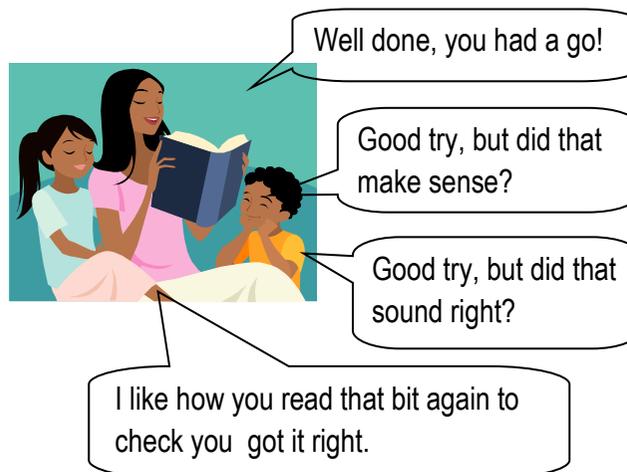


- Talk about books and pictures
- Explain what the book is about
- Ask children to predict
 - What might happen next?
- Ask about what has happened
 - Which words/sentences did you like?
 - What did you think about ?
 - Tell me about

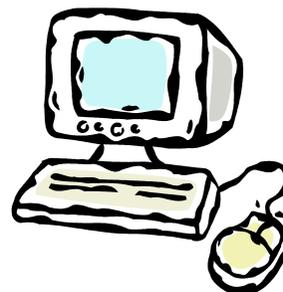


- Encourage children to use expression in their voice as they read
- Make flashcards for any difficult words you find
- Invent a game using the common words used in reading

REMEMBER TO USE LOTS OF PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT



SOME USEFUL WEBSITES



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www.lovereadng.co.uk

www.scottishbooktrust.com

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

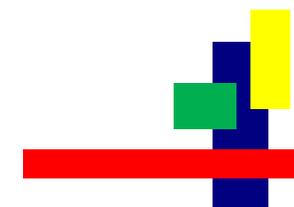


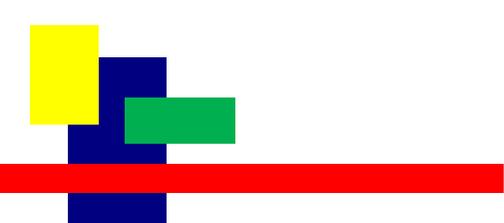
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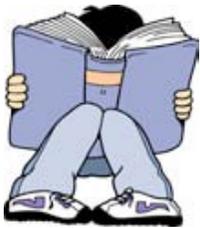




INTRODUCTION

Reading is the key to successful learning in all areas of the curriculum. Children should be able to read for information and for pleasure.

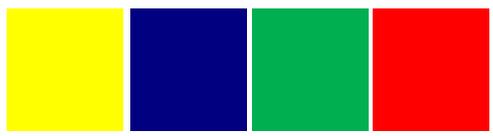
To encourage children to become independent readers we use a range of approaches and activities where pupils receive individual, group and class tuition. We would really appreciate your cooperation and support in encouraging your child to become a successful reader.



This leaflet provides a few practical tips and ideas and explains how you can help your child at home.

HOW CHILDREN LEARN TO READ

Learning to read is like learning to crack a code. Children should be encouraged to look for clues to help them to understand what they are reading. Learning individual sounds and words is important, but they are really aiming to work out the full message.



WHERE AND WHEN TO READ

Reading should be enjoyable but consistency is important too if we want to develop good reading practices.

- Read regularly
- Allocate a specific time for reading
- Use a comfortable quiet area
- Make reading fun



HOW YOU CAN HELP

When you read with your child encourage them to use the following to work out words and phrases

- Pictures
- Length of words
- Think of the meanings
- Use the context
- Word knowledge
- Sounding out

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND MOTIVATION

Children will be motivated to read if they are confident in what they are doing and they are reading texts appropriate to their ability and understanding. This confidence and motivation can be developed by

- Re-reading familiar books
- Listening to adults read aloud
- Reading children's own pieces of writing
- Listening to recorded stories
- Giving children experience of a range of texts
- Encouraging children to use their reading skills in a range of contexts e.g. reading signs in shops, TV scheduling lists
- Joining a library
- Lots of praise!

