



Tips for Reading for Pleasure - KS1

Relaxed Time, Comfy Place, Brilliant Book

Find a time that works for you both - this doesn't always have to be bedtime, when your child might be a bit tired,
a comfy place where you can relax together
& choose a brilliant book together - what is your child interested in? Try a school book or your local library.

The 3 Ps

Praise, praise, praise
Patience - don't jump in too quickly
Prompt - get your child to think about what is going on in the story

Book Talk

Before - chat about the title and front cover. What could this book be about? What might happen to a particular character?

During - as your child reads, respond to their reactions. What's happening here? How is that character behaving/feeling? What might happen next?

After - ask simple, open questions. What did/didn't you like about the book? Has anything like that happened to you?

Useful questions if your child is stuck

- Did that sound right? Does that make sense?
- Can you use your phonemes to sound this word out?
- Look at the first letter(s) in the word-can you sound them out and blend them?
- Try reading that again - re-reading is an important skill
- Have a look at the picture to help you

Reluctant readers?

- Read to your child so they can enjoy listening
- Try shared reading - read the book together
- Or 'Your turn, my turn' - read alternate pages
- Re-read books so your child can gain confidence

More than just books & stories

Words are everywhere! Shops signs, road signs, information books & leaflets, shopping lists, recipes, instructions, comics & magazines, e-books, author websites. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is! Or put the subtitles on TV programmes - research shows it can boost literacy.