The Gates Primary School Westhoughton

Unlocking success through curiosity, kindness and resilience

10 Ways to Support Reading at Home

Helping your child become a confident, happy reader! ♥

Readers Today Brighter Tomorrows ♥

1 Read Together Every Day

- Even 10 minutes a day makes a big difference.
- Share books, magazines, comics or eBooks.
- Take turns reading.
- Make reading a positive part of your daily routine.



2 Talk About the Story

- Reading isn't just about saying the words.
- Ask: "What do you think will happen next?"
- Talk about favourite characters and events.
- Encourage your child to explain their ideas.



3 Make Reading Cosy and Fun

- Create a special reading space.
- Find a quiet, comfortable spot.
- Reduce distractions where possible.
- Let your child choose books they enjoy.



4 Listen to Your Child Read

- Support without pressure.
- Give them time to work out tricky words.
- Praise their effort and perseverance.
- Encourage expression and enjoyment.



5 Read Aloud to Your Child

- Children are never too old to be read to!
- Model fluent, expressive reading.
- Introduce new vocabulary naturally.
- Enjoy stories together.



6 Encourage Re-Reading

- Practice builds confidence.
- Revisit favourite books.
- Re-reading improves fluency and understanding.
- Celebrate growing confidence with familiar texts.



7 Talk About New Words

- Grow vocabulary every day.
- Explain unfamiliar words.
- Look for interesting words together.
- Encourage children to use new vocabulary in conversation.



8 Be a Reading Role Model

- Let your child see you reading.
- Share what you're reading.
- Talk about why you enjoy reading.
- Show that reading is valuable and enjoyable.



9 Read Everywhere

- Reading happens beyond books.
- Read recipes, signs, menus and instructions.
- Spot words when out and about.
- Show how reading helps in everyday life.



10 Celebrate Reading Success

- Every step counts!
- Praise effort as well as achievement.
- Celebrate finished books and reading milestones.
- Help your child develop confidence and enjoyment.





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