

## Key Stage 1 Reading Workshop

Thank you to parents who came to our Reading Workshop recently. Below are some tips for listening to your child read.

- Read often to your child and have fun. Read to and with your child every day. Depending on their age expect a child to read to you and with you for at least 10 minutes every day.
- Make sure there is some place in your home where your child can read without being distracted by the TV or other family members. Good lighting is important, as is comfortable seating.
- Don't skip your reading time.
- Read and reread stories requested by children.
- Make predictions (child tells what he/she thinks will happen next).
- Enjoy the illustrations.
- Talk about the authors and illustrators of the books you read.
- Be patient while your child is reading aloud.
- Listen to books on tape.
- Have your child read into a tape recorder once a month and share the progress with him/her.
- Read aloud together with your child.
- Leave out a word or phrase on each page (e.g. Little Red Riding Hood said, 'Oh, what big sharp \_\_\_\_\_ you have, Grandma!').
- Have your child think of a new ending to the story.
- When reading a non-fiction book, ask your child what they know about the topic and what they want to learn.
- Discuss similarities and differences between stories. (Great with Fairy Tales.)
- Alternate reading. You read a page; your child reads a page, etc.
- From time to time, invite other adults or older children to listen in or join in reading aloud.
- When you read, involve your child by having him/her point out objects in the pictures and follow the words with his/her finger.
- Read poems to/with your child.
- Read children's magazines.
- Echo Read; choose something fun to read, such as a poem, song, or joke. You read a sentence with expression and ask your child to repeat the phrase after you.

- Check out the public library. Public libraries are wonderful, and it is easy to get a card. In most cases, all you need is identification verifying that you live in the area served by the library. If your children are old enough, they need to get their own cards and learn to keep track of their borrowed books so as to get them back on time.
- Create a special place for your child's books in your home.
- Keep a few 'old favourite' books in the car to enjoy.
- Many authors have websites with information about all of their books, a brief biography, and activities for children. Some are exceptional. If your child is interested in being writers or illustrators, they will particularly enjoy reading about how others got their start.

There are simple ways to implement good reading practice and do not require specific training. They are called the three 'P's' and can be used if your child is unsure of a word. Remember:-

**Pause** - Wait 5 seconds. Allow the child a chance to correct his/her error.

**Prompt** - Give a clue.

**Praise** - Effort and self-correction.