Top Tips for Reading Together

- Get to know your child as a reader. What are their favourite genres? Who are their favourite authors?
- Encourage your child to read the blurbs when selecting books. Does it sound an inspiring read?
- Make regular visits to the local library.
- Get into the habit of reading regularly to your child as well as hearing your child read.
- Find a comfortable place to read, away from any distractions.
- Read for meaning and enjoyment. Talk about the story and pictures and don't simply focus on the decoding of text and fluency of reading aloud.
- Never show frustration or disappointment with your child's mistakes, even if you are a bit surprised by them. Your child may simply be tired, or not in the mood for reading, or have genuine difficulty with a particular word or text. Always encourage. Promote reading as FUN!

Reading Comprehension

Reading is about much more than the decoding of text, however fluently your child might read aloud. Comprehension skills, including recall, inference and deduction, sequencing and prediction are all central to your child's ability to read.

Discussing a story should be an enjoyable and natural part of reading together. Be careful not to make it feel too formal. The expectation of having to analyse and unpick every story could actually put some children off altogether.

However, a quick recall of previous events or a prediction of what might happen next is a good way to start (Where did we get up to yesterday? What do you think might happen in the next chapter?)

Open questions, and asking your child's opinion, is much more powerful than simply quizzing your child on a storyline. Who is their favourite character? Why ? What was the funniest bit?

Pick up, wherever possible, on the questions that your child raises as the starting point for discussion. Talk about a good book in the same way that you might talk about a good film!

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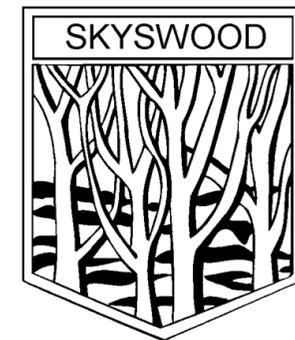
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