



Buckland CE Primary School

Reading Advice for Parents



Year 1

Key question: Where will our reading take us today?

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Reading to and with your child is crucial to developing their reading skills especially in KS1. It is important to read to your child regularly, whilst encouraging them to join in when they can. Their reading and decoding skills will develop alongside their phonic knowledge as the sounds are taught within the year through our Read, Write, Inc. scheme.

How to help your child develop their reading skills in Year 1

- Initially, reading with your child is about reading to them. Model clear reading with fluency and expression making reading a special and enjoyable time between you.
- Encourage them to look at that picture – how do you think... is feeling? What makes you say that? Look at the words the author has used to describe...; what sort of place do you think it will be?
- Sometimes pause when you're reading a storybook together, and see if your child can tell you what letter or sound the next word starts with. If the word uses phonics that they already know, encourage them to have a go at reading it. Give them lots of praise for trying, as well as for getting it right.
- Model how to read unknown words by

splitting the words into its sounds.

- Encourage the children to find capital letters or full stops on the page before you do and ask what you do at a full stop.
- Play 'hunt the word', using words and sounds that they know from school. Say 'Can you find the word 'mum' on this page? Can you find a word that starts with 's'?
- Play find the red word that they have been learning that week for their spellings.
- Encourage your child to look for words in the world around them, such as on street signs, shop signs, posters etc. Praise them for having a go at reading these words, and help them if necessary

Questions you could ask your child to check their understanding:

- Can you find a word/sentence that tells/shows you that...?
- Why do you think that the author used the word... to describe...?
- Find an adjective in the text.
- When/where is this story set?
- Have we read another book with the same setting?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that? If their prediction is

way off the mark, model your own and give your reasons.

- Who is/are the main character(s)?
- What do you think about the characters?
- Which is your favourite/worst/funniest/scariest part of the story? Why?
- What happens in the beginning/ end of the story?