



## Buckland CE Primary School

### Reading Advice for Parents



### Year 3

**Key Question: Did your reading make you remember something that has happened to you before or teach you something new?**

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Reading with your child is crucial to developing their reading and comprehension skills. Regular reading at home will support all areas of learning at school.

### How to help your child develop their reading skills in Year 3:

- When your child is reading aloud, encourage them to pay attention to the punctuation
- Point out different types of punctuation such as speech marks, commas, exclamation marks
- At home use dictionaries or encyclopaedias and use the alphabet to find words/ topics
- In non-fiction texts look at the different features such as labels, diagrams and charts
- Discuss word meanings so that your child develops a wide and varied vocabulary
- Point out words and phrases that catch your attention and imagination and think about why
- Talk about what different characters might be thinking and why you think that
- Read books by the same author and talk about how the books are similar/ different

- Encourage your child to retell familiar stories

### **Questions to ask your child when reading fiction**

- Which words and phrases tell you more about the characters?
- Which words and phrases tell you about the setting?
- How did the characters feelings change over the story?
- What is your favourite part of the story and why?
- Why does the author use those words...?
- Which part of the text tells you most about the characters thoughts?
- Can you think of another story similar to this one?
- Point to the adjectives/ nouns/ verbs...

### **Non-fiction**

- What is the main purpose of the text?
- Which part of the text tells you most about...?
- How does the layout of the text help you to understand?
- What is this paragraph about...?

- How does the diagram help you to understand?