

## Handy hints

Keep reading time relaxed and comfortable.

Sit in a quiet corner with the TV turned off.

Concentrate on enjoying the story and its meaning.

Never force your child to read.

Praise your child's success.

READING IS FUN

ENJOY!

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Everyone progresses at different rates.

Learning to read needs practice.

We set your children targets, here's one for you:

share a story every night.



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School

**Handy Hints**  
**when Reading**  
**with your Child**

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## Reading at home

You are probably helping your child with reading more than you realize.

- Does your home have books, magazines, newspapers and catalogues?
  - Does your child see you reading?
  - Do you read to your child?
  - Do you talk together about familiar stories?
  - Does your child see you using text to find things out?
  - Are you practising phonics learned at school?
  - Are you sharing rhymes and songs?
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## Reading at school

We are learning new sounds all the time and looking for them in books, sounding out words and trying to use them in our writing.

We are beginning to learn key words—have you seen them arriving on the board in school?

We are sharing big books and little books and stories on the whiteboard.

### The reading scheme

The children are now bringing home books from our reading scheme.

The books are colour coded.

The first books are from the pink box.

Sometimes they will have shared the book at school first, sometimes they will look at it with you for the first time. Check in the diary to see which it is.

Pictures are very important throughout early reading—they give lots of clues as to what is happening in the book.

NEVER COVER THE PICTURES IN A READING SCHEME BOOK.

Talk about the title—what might the story be about?

Talk about the front cover.

Look through the book, talk about the pictures.

The first books are PICTURES ONLY.

Make up a story sequence with your child using the pictures.

If the book comes home on the second day can they retell yesterday's story?

