



# Golden Rules



- ✗ DON'T think that because your child can make their way through lots of books without too many mistakes that they have mastered reading. Fluent reading takes many years of practice and involves many real books.
- ✓ DO keep reading TO your child as well as listening to them. It will help them remember how interesting and enjoyable books are and will keep them motivated to read themselves.
- ✓ DO find things for your child to read which centre on their non-school interests. Try to help your child understand that reading is something we do for fun and not just at school.
- ✗ DON'T criticise or pressurise your child if they're not that keen on reading. Instead try to find reading material about their hobbies or interests which might encourage a reading habit. But if they are still not interested — take a step back for a while.
- ✓ DO take your child to choose their own books at the library or book shop. Try to make it a special event.
- ✓ DO let your child use the internet to learn more about their interests but....
- ✗ DON'T allow them to have unsupervised internet access.



## HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING



YEAR 5



By now you should be seeing your child developing into an increasingly confident reader. They may not read avidly and need a little coaxing so we need to find ways to keep reading fun. As parents, we need to provide as many opportunities for our children to practise and enjoy reading as possible. So how can you keep going?



### Follow your child's interests

Whatever it is that interests your child — video games or dolphins, dancing or football — there will be something out there to grab them. Your job is to help them find it! Remember, reading isn't just about books; but you can find suitable material in magazines, comics and on the internet.

### TV tie-ins

You can often find fiction and non-fiction books based around the films and TV programmes your child loves. Even looking at a film or programme's website can be a great chance to get in some disguised reading practice! It can also lead to your child discovering more interesting books to read.

### Build in time to read

Encourage your child to have 15 minutes quiet time, before bed to read. Persuade them to put away the electronic games and make time to relax with a book or magazine.



### Let them see you read

Children always want to be like their parents or role models. So let them see that reading is an important part of your everyday life, whether it is reading a book at bedtime, the newspaper or magazines.

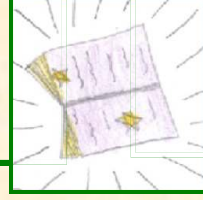
## Your child will be able to do many of the following:

Read more challenging, longer texts with increasing independence.

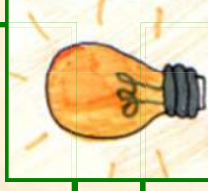
Begin to self-correct when faced with difficult words or unfamiliar texts.

Get go beyond the literal meaning of a text and start to make some inferences.

Read to support their work in all subjects, for example, research a topic in print or on-screen.



READING IN YEAR 5



## How can you help your child make progress?

When they talk about their reading encourage them to refer to evidence in the text that will support their views.

Read books regularly together and ask them to:

- explain why a character behaves as they do,
- talk about what a text suggests or implies.

Encourage them to read a range of texts, for example, fiction and information books, comics and poems.