

**Reading needs to be enjoyable for both you and your child – it's not just about finishing the book !
Reading books are changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Please find below our suggestions as to how you can share your child's book over two days.
Aim for 10 minutes reading time per day.**

Day One

Talk together

The vast majority of reading books that your child will bring home from school have tips for reading together or things to talk about before reading.

There is often a list of "key" words or "tricky" words on the inside cover – spend some time looking at these with your child, reinforcing them before they start and whilst they are reading.

Read together

Follow any guidance on the inside cover as to how to help your child as they read.

If they are struggling, it is fine to help them sound out words or even to take a turn reading.

Don't forget to talk about the story, ask questions about what they have learned or talk about the pictures.

You don't need to read the whole book from cover to cover on day one !

Day Two

Talk together

Recap on what you read on day one.

Recap on any of the "key" or "tricky" words.

Read together

Continue reading the story or information book.

Look out for opportunities to talk about what is happening or what you are learning.

Talk together

There are often ideas on the inside back cover to guide you through talking about the book with your child. Some of the brand new books have "story maps" to help your child retell the story.

It can be useful, particularly in Reception and Year One, for your child to re-read the book to help them develop fluency.

Please continue to use the Reading Diary to note down any concerns you may have about your child's reading.