

REMEMBER

Hearing your child read regularly really helps, no matter what year group they are in. Even older children need to read aloud to an adult.

Give your child lots of praise and encouragement for all of their efforts.

If your child is struggling but would enjoy the story, try reading to them or taking turns to read one page each.

If you are concerned, don't tell your child, tell your child's class teacher. It is important that all problems or concerns are discussed with the teacher.



If your child is stuck on a word, try and encourage them to think about their skills to help them work it out. E.g. support them in using their phonic skills or ask them to think about what else they have read in the sentence to find a word that might make sense.

Don't forget to talk to your child about what they have read. Ask them questions about their reading. Understanding the text is just as important as being able to read the words.

Try and have a quiet time for reading as often as possible. Little and often is best, rather than one long session once a week; especially with younger children.



Parents Guide to Reading

**AT
HUNNYHILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



At Hunnyhill, we use 'Book Bands', a national levelling system which helps teachers to organise their reading materials. This system is used by many UK schools and book publishers.

The books at each level gradually introduce new words, phonic skills and sentence structures which help them to gradually build up their reading skills. Children are then able to choose their own book from within a banded colour.

Children will start in Reception on Starter level and will progress to the next level when they are ready.

Teachers carefully select which book band your child should be on according to factors such as their level of phonic skills, words which your child can read without help, the language which your child can understand and how much they are able to talk about what they have read.

Please remember that children learn at different rates and in their own way and this should be used as a guide only.

If you need more information about your child's book band, please see their class teacher.

BOOK BAND COLOUR
STARTER: Lilac
1. Pink
2. Red
3. Yellow
4. Blue
5. Green
6. Orange
7. Turquoise
8. Purple
9. Gold
10. White
11. Lime
12. Brown
13. Grey
14. Olive
15. Sky blue
16. Cerise
17. Black

Our Top Ten Tips for Reading at Home:

1. Make it fun!
2. Read at a time that suits you both.
3. It's not just about getting the words right!
4. It's important to ask them what's happening in the story – check they understand what they're reading.
5. 10 minutes a day is best.
6. If your child really doesn't want to read, then why not read to them instead?
7. Give lots of praise for reading and trying to work out tricky words.
8. Don't correct their mistakes if it makes sense, it shows they are understanding what they are reading.
9. Try not to get cross with them if they get stuck; read the word to them instead.
10. Ask in school for more ideas!!

