

Supporting your child's reading at home



“The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives. She went on olden-day sailing ships with Joseph Conrad. She went to Africa with Ernest Hemingway and to India with Rudyard Kipling. She travelled all over the world while sitting in her little room in an English village.”

Roald Dahl , Matilda

Aims of this session

- Help parents understand the importance of reading
- Share ideas of how to encourage children to read
- Tips on how to read with children
- Reminder about phonics
- How to help your children at home

The Importance of Reading

- Every parent has an important role to play in helping their child to read
- Research shows that this makes a huge impact on your child's progress, especially if you start when your child is young
- Being a good reader will help your child to access many areas of the curriculum e.g. maths problems.
- To be good at writing you need to be a good reader.

Reading is all round us

- Newspapers/magazines
- Comics
- Computers
- Text messages
- Signs
- Menus
- Recipes
- Lists
- Instructions

Can your child read these signs?



How to encourage your child to read

- Read yourself- newspapers, books
- Value books and keep them safe
- Point out words around you
- Visit your library
- Make time to read
- Bed time reading
- Talk about books in your first language
- Talk to the class teacher about your child's progress

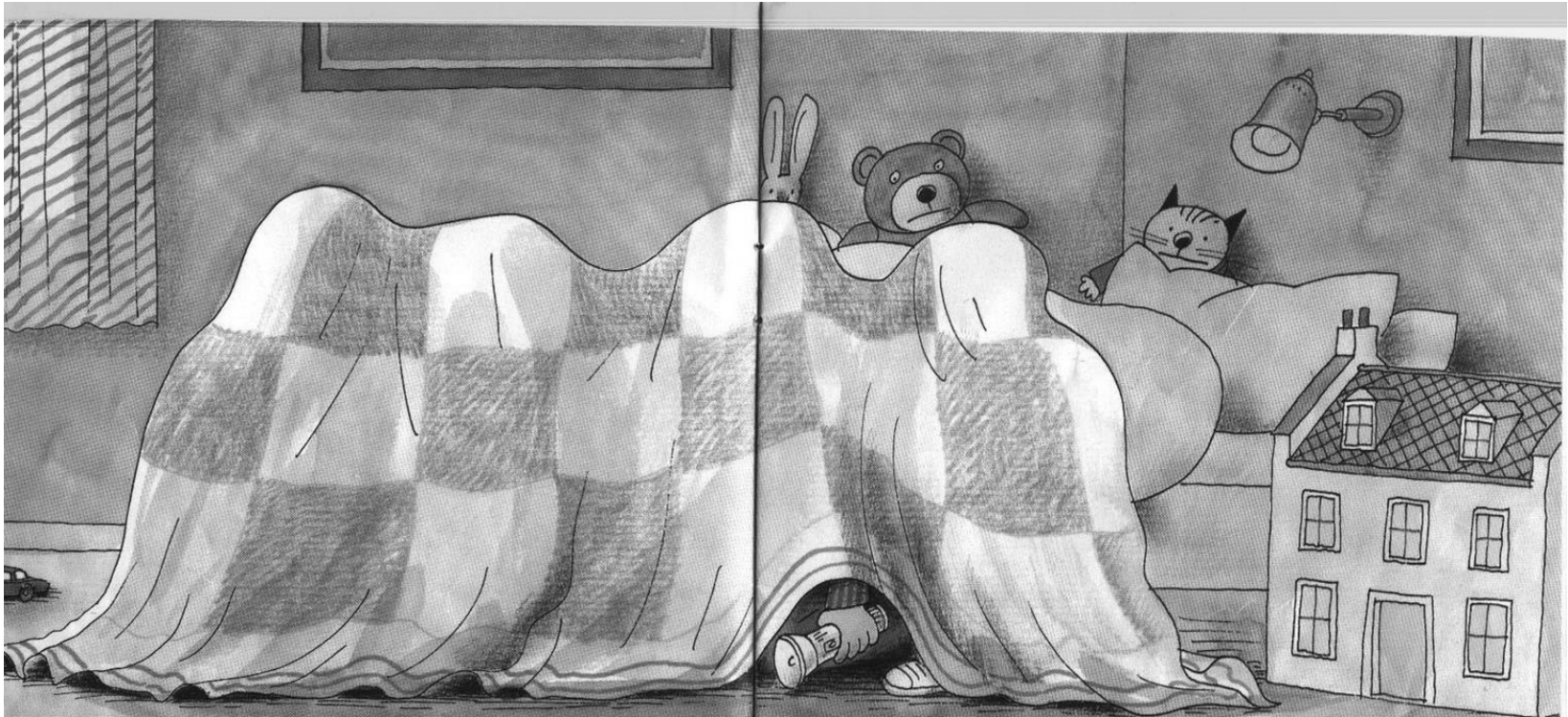
Strategies

- Be positive
- **Turn off the TV** 😊
- Give them time
- Point with a finger
- Don't make them try too hard
- Let them read their favourites
- Ask lots of questions
- Don't read for too long

Talking about the pictures

- Try to get your child to tell you what they can see
- Ask them if the picture helps them to work out what is going to happen next
- Get them to name the characters and objects they can see
- Encourage them to say the words that are in the text

Picture



What? Who? Why?
Where? How? When?

Questions

- Who do you think is under the covers?
- Tell me what you can see?
- How many toys are on the bed?
- What can you see at the bottom of the picture?
- What do you think he is doing?
- Have you ever hidden in your bed?
- Is there only one person under the bed?
- Why do you think they are hiding?
- What do you think they are going to do?

Have a go yourself . . .

- Choose a page . . .
- What questions could you ask your child about it?

Phonics

What is phonics?

- Some parents learnt to read using the 'look and say' method e.g. Ladybird's Janet and John series
- Phonics is a systematic approach to teaching children the sounds that make up words.
- Words are broken down into the sounds they're made up from and then these sounds are 'blended' together to make the word.
- You can listen to all the sounds at <http://jollylearning.co.uk/gallery/audio-2/>
- We use a programme called to teach phonics



Blending

- Saying the individual sounds in a word then running them together to make the word E.g. sounding out d-o-g and making dog
- The sounds must be said quickly to hear the word
- It is easier if the first sound is said slightly louder
- It takes practice - try **little and often**
- Have a go yourself . . . b-u-s, t-o-p, c-a-t and h-e-n

Tricky words!

- Some words cannot be blended or segmented using phonics
- These are often very common words such as 'the'
- There are many of these tricky words in story books

Phonics at home

- Talk to your child about the sounds they are learning
Make phonics fun with games such as 'I Spy' or collecting things beginning with a specific sound, matching words to pictures
- Learn tricky words
- Practise! Encourage your child to use their phonics knowledge as much as possible
- Encourage your child to write letters in a variety of ways (on whiteboards, paint, in sand, flour or salt, make shapes in play dough)
- **Make learning fun!**

How can you help your child?

- Use positive language and praise to encourage them when they read
- Make time to read with your child regularly
- Attend reading workshops at school
- Visit suggested websites on your handout with your child
- Join the local library and borrow books regularly

Games/ websites that help

- Magnetic letters
- Scrabble letters
- Tapes / CDs /Audio books/ Internet
- Songs and rhymes
- www.jollylearning.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies
- www.worldstories.org.uk
- <http://worldbookday.com/big-book-off/>
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk

10 reasons to read with your child

1. Creates a bond
2. Expanded vocabulary
3. Improved attention span
4. Increased self-esteem
5. Increased chance of academic success
6. Teaches social values
7. Helps build empathy
8. Encourages curiosity
9. Encourages independence
10. They will become a reader for life

"So please, oh PLEASE,
we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install,
A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Finally.....

- Make reading a priority in your home!
- Before you go – please fill out a pledge sheet and a feedback form
- Thank you for coming 😊