

Encourage them to learn the spellings for their interests, so they can search the internet themselves.

Answering and encouraging students to ask questions- eg talking about their favourite tv show. Watching the tv

Together, read a book together.

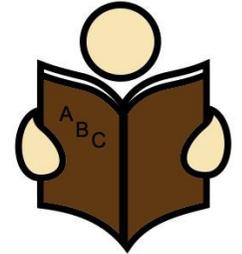
Don't treat it as teaching and learning, make it part of a routine or one to one time at home.

Keep it short... or as long as your child is engaged.

Don't force it.....



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Making Literacy Fun and Engaging Outside of School



Play games

Eye spy, rhyming games, singing songs, making up new words using phonic sounds. Start a story and finish it off.

What letters or words can they find around them. eg letters on car number plates, street names, labels in shops, names of equipment at home, literacy Apps on tablets, Spelling games.



Consolidate

Use what they know. Apply it in a different context e.g.

looking for a word they know in a different text or in their environment.

Read together. Don't be frightened to revisit old favourites. It helps to build up confidence and story structure.

Add new books gradually to make in new and exciting.

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Take advantage of day to day life

Make it a habit, part of going on journey, shopping, meal times.

Finding words in a newspaper.

Find your favourite TV programme in the listings.

Use comics and magazine that are of interest.

Cooking - Reading recipes and measuring ingredients.

Celebration cards e.g. birthdays encourage them to write their own name or greeting. Don't worry if it's not perfect.

Writing and reading shopping lists- finding the correct items in a shop.

Calendars- adding events.

Writing text and emails to family members and friends.

Visiting the library.

Visiting places of interest- which might link in with the school curriculum/topic/theme.

Encourage independence. Can they find.... Can they read.

Information to work out where an item is in the shop? Can they find information they want on the internet.

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