



# Reading

## A Guide For Parents

### What can I do to support my child with reading?

#### 1) Help them to choose the right book

There are so many great books out there for your child to read - they just need to find the right one!

- Talk to your child about what they are interested in and find books related to this.
- Use the internet to find book recommendations. Here are some websites to start with:

[www.theguardian.com/books/booksforchildrenandteenagers](http://www.theguardian.com/books/booksforchildrenandteenagers)

[www.bookpeople.co.uk](http://www.bookpeople.co.uk)

[www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk](http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk)

[www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)

<http://www.thomastallischool.com/reading.html>

- Take them to a local bookshop, the public library, or encourage them to visit our fantastic school library (open every day from 8am until 4.30pm) and ask our librarian, Ms. Wardill for ideas. Here's the link to our library website:

<http://thomastallislibrary.weebly.com/>

- If your child is reluctant, start with something short and manageable, such as a graphic novel, and then slowly encourage them to build up to longer, more challenging books.

#### 2) Encourage them to see reading as a part of everyday life

- Build in time for them to read every day - start with five or ten minutes and then gradually increase.
- Make sure they have somewhere quiet to read, where they won't be disturbed or distracted.
- Make some time to read together (no one is ever too old to be read to or to read aloud!). Take it in turns to read, supporting them with their pronunciation but allowing them to read independently.
- Give them the opportunity to see you as a reader: talk to them about books you enjoy or want to read.
- Talk to them about the book that they are reading. Ask questions about what is happening, what they like, what they think is going to happen next. Your interest and enthusiasm will make a positive difference to how they view reading.