

Walking alongside to live life in all  
its fullness

'Let us run the race that is before us,  
and never give up.' Hebrews 12:1

Reading at home and at school

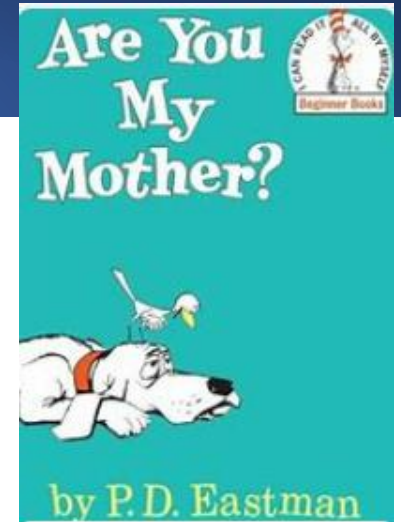
# Reading

Some of you will love reading.

Some of you will not love reading.

All of you will read every day. You are here, so you have read the newsletter or reminder.

This is about reading, not necessarily books.



# Reading

In 2025 - only 32.7% of 8 to 18 year olds reported enjoying reading.

Access to books is often cited as a challenge to get children reading.

Phonics books are closely linked, but then, the guidance is 'age appropriate' books.

We want to review our guidance about reading to make it easier to find opportunities for children to read.



# Reading



Reading at home - what to read?

Books

Online articles

Magazines

Library books/materials

Key numbers - how many words your child reads accurately:

95-100% - great for practice

95% - independent - good level of challenge (approximately one word being tricky per paragraph/each 5 lines).

<95% - great for exposure/discussion

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Reading at home options:

Read to your child

Read to your child - then they read back to you.

Your child reads to you.

Your child reads and then talks about what they have read.

All are important, but it will depend on how much time you have at home and your child's fluency assessments (we will cover this shortly).

The most important thing is that your child is reading regularly!

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Questions to ask your child if they have been reading independently:

What happened?

How did the characters react?

How do you know? Encourage children to find parts of the book where they can show you.

What do you think will happen next?

# Reading

If you are not confident reading aloud with expression, you can pick a story which is being read out loud on You Tube.

[The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. Children's read-aloud \(audiobook\) with colour illustrations.](#)

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How to know the correct level? And why not just book bands?

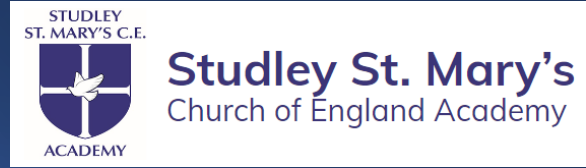
Try to read it and see method - aiming for 95% accuracy.

Or

<https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>

We will be sending out letters at the end of this week with your child's decoding and fluency age. We will suggest ATOS book levels, which are linked to American School Years (so just add one to find the UK year) . We will only complete these twice a year, so these are a rough estimate, but may help you select a book.

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Any questions?