



## Helping Your Child with Reading

Students should learn to read fluently with enjoyment and confidence if they are to make progress in their education, career and in life in general. The skill of reading is a passport to future work and leisure. Developing excellent literacy skills is a priority for all our students

Try to encourage reading for enjoyment at every opportunity. For example:

- Making sure there is lots of reading matter around the house: newspapers, books, reference books, comics and magazines.
- If there is a new film about to be released in the cinema based on a novel, encourage your child to read the book before seeing the film.
- Choose something, which your child will find easy to start with.
- Encourage your child and praise good progress.
- It also helps if parents read to their children. Talk about what you are reading and ask your child to guess what will happen next.
- Make reading a fun family activity e.g. set challenges based on reading (treasure hunts, code breaking, cooking from a recipe)
- If your child finds a word difficult try to get them to
  - ❖ Break the word up bit by bit.
  - ❖ Look at other words in the sentence then make a guess.
- Never let your child become completely stuck. If they really hesitate pronounce the letters/words for him/her.

It is good to check if your child understands the content of what they are reading. Here are some questions you can ask:

- What do you know about . . . ?
- What do you think about . . . ?
- What is the most important . . . ?
- What would you do if . . . ?
- How could . . . be improved?
- How would you rate . . . ?
- How would you solve . . . ?
- What would you say to . . . ?
- Can you see a possible solution . . . ?
- Can you see a possible solution to . . . ?
- Can you explain in your own words . . . ?

The School Library is open throughout the week where there are a number of books available to suit all students and new books are regularly added. Encourage your child to borrow at least one book every week.