



Summerfields Primary School

The Golden Rules of Reading

Help and advice
for parents



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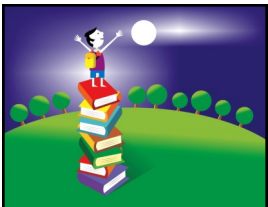


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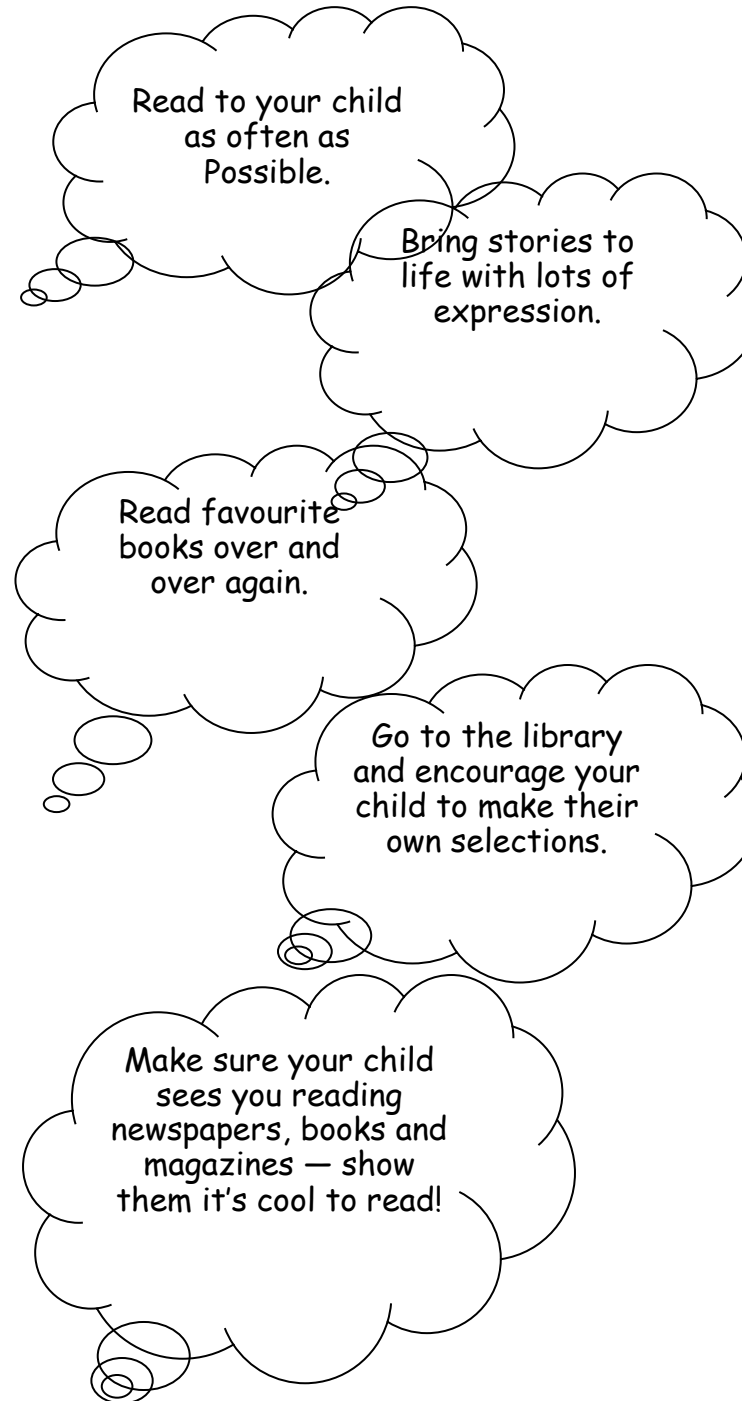
- Make reading a time of pleasure for you both.
- Learn to accept your child's efforts with praise.
- Read books your child loves and don't set up a "test situation".
- Focus on things which are right, not on mistakes.
- Keep reading to children even after they have learnt to read independently.
- Stop when they've had enough—it is not a punishment!

For some children, learning to read will seem to happen easily and quickly. For others, more time and support will be needed.

Whatever the case, your help will be a powerful influence over your child's development as a reader. For all children praise, encouragement, reassurance and pleasure are vital factors towards becoming a confident reader.



Helpful Hints...



Read to your child
as often as
Possible.

Bring stories to
life with lots of
expression.

Read favourite
books over and
over again.

Go to the library
and encourage your
child to make their
own selections.

Make sure your child
sees you reading
newspapers, books and
magazines — show
them it's cool to read!

Other Ideas ...

- Playing at reading is important. Your child will enjoy re-telling the story in their own words, turning the pages as they go. This is typical early reading behaviour and helps your child gain confidence and pleasure from books. You can encourage your child to notice the print by running your finger along the text as you read.
- Read the whole of a short book together. Your child will get the overall sense of the story. When reading together, start with the title, look at the cover and talk about what you might find.
- Illustrations can help to tell a story. Spend time looking at them and talk about them together.
- Repeating patterns. Rhymes, poems and fairytales are particularly good for this. Your child will be becoming more aware of texts and how they work and predicting what will happen next. You can encourage this skill by stopping at an appropriate place and letting your child carry on.