

Reading at Home

To read well, a child needs to have as much practise as possible. Your child will come home with a reading book that is closely levelled to their need.

Once they have read their reading book, they will take a quiz where they will answer questions to demonstrate their understanding.

It would be hugely beneficial for you to share the book with your child, discussing aspects of the text such as characters, settings and plot.

Have a chat!

As well as discussing your child's reading book with them, you can also use many of the strategies in day to day chats with your child.

You could talk about...

- characters, settings and plots within films and TV programmes.
- Why they know or how they know something they have said.
- Similarities or differences in the world around them.
- Explaining the 'why' behind choices.

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Reading to Understand

How can I help my child?



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Reading in the moment

When reading, it is important for children to really understand the words they are reading within the sentences and paragraphs in which they are placed.

Expert tips

At Carnforth, we use expert tips to unpick the text so that the children can truly understand what they are reading.

You will see the symbols on posters around the school and on staff lanyards.

You can refer to these at home when reading with your child.

Stop the bus!

Stop and think...Does what I have read make sense? Is there any part I don't understand?



Ask yourself:

- Have I heard that word or similar before?
- Can I use my worldly knowledge?
- Do I understand it in the context of the sentence?
- Can I use the root word to work it out?



Say what?

Re-read...I am going to read this again to see if it makes sense.

- Have I missed something?

Box it up!

Summarise...

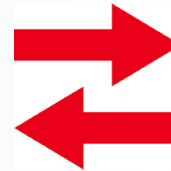
- What are the main points?
- What has happened in the text?
- Which moments were most key?



Over here, over there!

Text features...

- How does the text signpost where you need to go?
- Which features are key to that particular text type?
- What is the point in its use?



What do you mean?

Vocabulary...

- Have I heard this before?
- Can I connect anything that I know or have seen/heard in my life to this?
- Can I put this in context of the sentence and text?
- Can I use the root word to give it meaning?



3 layers of Questioning

Right There

These are questions where we can identify the answer directly in the text.



The answer is in the text and the children can use their finger to point at the exact answer as it is "Right there!"

- Identify the key word (or possible synonyms)
- Scan the text
- Locate the word that tells you the answer

Dig Deeper

These questions need you to think and search for information.

You can scan the text to find the key words and then skim around the word to find the answer.



- Identify the key word (or possible synonyms)
- Scan the text for the key word
- Skim the text around the key word for suitable information

Reading Detective

For these questions you must remember to PEE!

Point Evidence Explanation

These questions want you to think about what the author was thinking.



- All of the above strategies
- The key word may need to be scanned for numerous times throughout the text
- A larger amount of text or the entire text may need to be considered.
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