

Useful websites

http://www.ukla.org/awards/ukla_childrens_book_awards_sponsored_by_mls/

<http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/?ref=lovereadng> Age / genre related list of texts. Excellent resource if you are stuck for ideas. Masses of reviews. Follow links for Dyslexic readers.

<http://www.wordpool.co.uk/> Genre based list of texts.

<http://www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/> Useful list of authors and their books.

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/> Huge site dedicated to Literacy for all.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml Useful BBC education links

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/your_involvement/ Advice for parents when listening to child read at home.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/primary_support/ Educational support at home.



Helping Your Child With Reading

What can parents do at home to help?

- **Value reading—get involved**
- **Read to your child**
- **Make a trip to the library or bookshop or even spend time choosing books to buy online.**
- **Make reading together a special time to be shared (choosing a quiet time may help)**
- **Practise reading little and often**
- **Be a reading role model—let children see you reading**
- **Provide access to a range of texts, including non-fiction and poetry, newspapers and magazines**
- **Talk to your children about what they've read**
- **Encourage and foster the love of reading for pleasure**
- **Listen to spoken word stories**
- **Share a picture book - there are many fantastic ones for older readers**
- **Get your child to retell the story in their own words**
- **Make reading a habit—read at breakfast, on the way to the shops, in the shops, holiday brochures, labels on packaging. Words are everywhere!**
- **AND...**

Never stop hearing your child read aloud...

It may take encouragement and time, but it is worth it.

Benefits:

- **You can check for accuracy, are they really able to read the trickier words?**
- **Identify new words and discuss what they mean using the context**
- **Allow you to share and discuss the text together—this deepens their understanding of what they're reading**
- **You can check the appropriateness of the text!**
- **Ensure they are reading for meaning and taking notice of punctuation.**
- **Develops good understanding of how the author wanted it to sound—emotions, feelings or dramatic pauses**
- **Helps to foster enjoyment of books.**