



Melland High School
BRIGHT FUTURES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Supporting your child with Reading



Take 10 minutes to read every day

Here are some ways you can encourage your child to take 10 minutes to read...

1. Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

2. Encourage reading every day

The National Literacy Trust has produced information that suggests reading can help students to feel happier.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/children-who-enjoy-reading-and-writing-have-significantly-better-mental-wellbeing-their-peers/>

3. Embrace reading in all its forms

Encourage students to read more than just fiction books - they might enjoy taking 10 minutes to read non-fiction books, newspapers, magazines or blogs. There are lots of free audio books to listen to.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/audio-stories/zh3t2sg>

4. Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

5. Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it:

e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

6. I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a...? How many ... can you see?

7. Reading Styles



Using phonic skills to decode new words. Dictionary skills to look up definitions of new vocabulary. Please look at the links for more information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise/the-sounds-of-english/z7m4nrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbm2sg/articles/zjyyb82>

8. Explain

What does the word..... mean?

What does the word tell you about.....?

E - EXPLAIN



Discussing vocabulary in context and discussing understanding of the whole text

Give the meaning of

Which word is closest in meaning to.....?

Find one/two words that.....

9. Exploring the Author

How has the illustrator shown.....? Why has the author chosen.....? Why did the author use the word.....?



A focus on author's choice of words or layout.

How has the author made you feel scared/happy/nervous? How has the author organised the text?

10. Make links with your local library

When it is safe then go to your public library regularly. Find the books you enjoy and read together.



For more information on how to support your child with reading please email:

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