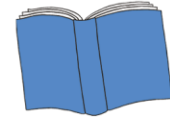
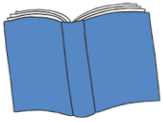


Supporting your child with reading



Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home. Remember, some children have a very short attention span when being read to or when reading, it is important that reading together does not become a chore. Try reading for a few minutes at a time in a place where you are both comfortable.



There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:
A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.



A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.



Reading practice book



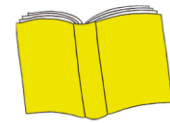
This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. In school your child will have up to six one to one reading sessions with the same book, working on decoding, prosody (reading with meaning, stress and intonation) and comprehension (understanding the text).



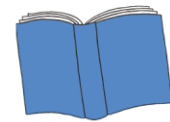
At home, listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.



Sharing book



In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Any book can act as a sharing book, such as those you may have at home or from the local library.



Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters or explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

