St Sebastian's Guide to Reading at Home – KS2



Reading opens up a whole new world of understanding, feeling and imagination. If your child reads for pleasure they are far likelier to succeed in all other areas of learning. Here are some basic guidelines for reading at home. If you show pleasure for reading and find the time to share lots of reading activities, you are giving your child a head start. It is still really important that you read with your child in Key Stage Two. This is to help develop their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

- Before beginning the book, predict together what the book might be about using the title, blurb and any pictures.
- If your child is still using their phonics when reading, allow them to sound out words and blend them to read.
- Encourage fluency when reading. Concentrate on ***expression and volume, phrasing, smoothness*** and ***pace.***
- Ask questions to further and clarify your child's understanding. A selection of questions can be found below. It is absolutely key that your child can **read the words and understand** what they are reading.
- Read a wide selection of texts at home including: fiction, non-fiction, magazines, leaflets, annuals and newspapers.
- Model what a good reader looks likes! If you read regularly alongside your child, they will feel more encouraged to read for pleasure.

Questions to Support Reading

What just happened?

Find a word that means _____?

What does _____ mean?

Why did that happen? How do you know?

How is _____ (character) feeling? How do you know?

Which part of the story did you like the most? Why?

What do you think will happen next?

How did this story make you feel?

What type of characters were in the story?

What was the happiest part of the story?

What happened at the end of the story?

Which part did you like most/least? Why?

If you could make a new ending, what would it be?

If you were _____ (character) what would you do differently?

How did the story start?

Has anything like this ever happened to you? What was it?

What was the moral of the story?

Is this book like any others you have read? Why?