



Tips for Reading at Home

- ▶ Find a quiet time to explore a book together. Before opening a book, talk about the front cover discuss what sort of book it might be, look at the pictures and any titles or headings
- ▶ Practise what is familiar first to improve confidence. Choose books which will be of special interest to them.
- ▶ Give plenty of praise and comment on strategies they have used e.g. 'Well done - you broke that word down to sound it out really well'
- ▶ Be ready to give help when needed - don't let them become anxious and give hints to help. Take it in turns to read so they become more aware of sentence structure and punctuation.
- ▶ If your child makes a mistake say the word without comment to keep the flow going - you can discuss the difficult words afterwards
- ▶ Keep it short and Keep it fun - don't expect too much too soon. Stop before they get too tired or have had enough.
- ▶ Bring reading into everyday activities by encouraging your child to read information on things e.g. signs, packaging, online
- ▶ Allow your child to enjoy stories and books through audio books, where they can access the same stories as their peers e.g. <https://pembrokeshire.borrowbox.com/> or BBC Sounds

For Older Children:

- ▶ Reading apps for smart phones, 'reading pens' and e-readers e.g. Kindle, can enable slower readers to read for pleasure. With an e-reader, a page of text can be split into several pages, you can adjust the font type, size and spacing, and the brightness of the screen.
- ▶ Software that converts text to speech – often now available as free apps for smartphones and tablets as standard.
- ▶ Did you know that computer readers are allowed to read parts of an exam paper which a human reader is not permitted to read?

