

How to support independent readers in key stage 2

Reading regularly is crucial in building your child's confidence. It will help them to build a store of sight words (words they can read without sounding out) and become independent readers. We realise that confident readers may not always want or need to read to an adult at home. However, it would really help us to monitor your child's progress if we fully understand their reading habits at home. Please use the following tips to let us know how they have been getting on when they read at home-

- encourage your child to make a note of the date and the pages they read;
- ask your child to let us know if they are finding anything difficult, eg. "I am struggling with the names of the places".
- ask your child to tell you about what their book is about and what is happening;
- initial your child's reading record once per week.

Please speak to your child's class teacher-

- if there are any issues relating to your child's reading or reading books;
- regarding other issues- reading records are for comments about reading.

Please note that children may choose to read the same book more than once. Children enjoy reading texts that are familiar to them. It may also take some children a while to read through our key stage 2 reading books.