



Helping Your Child With Their Reading



We believe that a close partnership with parents is essential for children to benefit most from their time at Ysgol Hirael. The purpose of this booklet is to inform you of the school's reading policy and to provide you with information which will help you to support your child at home.

Children will be listened to at least once a week by the class teacher or another adult. A record of their progress will be kept and targets will be set to help them improve.

Your child will bring home books that the teacher feels are at the correct level. They will only be moved to a different level when we feel that they are ready. Please send the reading folder to school every day, even if you have not read together.

Try to find 5-10 minutes a day to spend reading together and then please write a comment in their reading record book. We realise that this may not always be possible but any support that you can give will be of great benefit to your child.



When you are reading with your child:

- Try to find somewhere quiet away from distractions such as the television.
- Talk about the cover and the pictures.
- Ask them to tell you about what they have read.
- Ask them questions.
- Encourage them to guess what might happen next.
- Ask them whether they have enjoyed the book and to explain what they liked/disliked about it.
- Praise them often.

Let your child see you and join you in reading the newspaper, magazines, letters, instructions, charts, signs, recipes..... Remember, your child will also enjoy listening to you read- this is very important especially if they are a reluctant reader. Read a comic or anything else that they choose as long as they are enjoying it.

Most importantly, do not force your child if they are tired. Try to make it a game or a challenge. Take turns.

If they are still reluctant just try again the following day.



Join the local library and look out for story sessions and reading challenges over the holidays.

Here are some examples of questions that you could ask to extend your child's reading skills:

- ◇ How did..... happen?
- ◇ When/where did the story take place?
- ◇ Which is your favourite character? Why?
- ◇ Which part of the story did you enjoy the most?
- ◇ Can you think of another title?
- ◇ What do you think will happen next?
- ◇ Can you think of another ending?
- ◇ Could the story be improved? How?
- ◇ Would you recommend this story to someone else? Who?
- ◇ What word could you use instead of?



Below is a list of ideas that you could write in your child's reading book. Children enjoy sharing with their teacher what they have read at home and what the adult reading with them has written. This provides a great home/school link which is so important. It is also important for us to know what you think of your child's reading and what they have said to you.

Thank you for reading this leaflet. If you need any more information or help please come and see us.

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Well done!

We talked about what the characters in the book will do next.

Good reading (Name)

(name) talked about what happened in the book.

Fantastic reading!

(Name) read well tonight.

(name) needs to practice this book a little more.

(Name) really enjoyed this book.

Could we have more books please?

(Name) read this book with.....

(name) struggled with these words.

We talked about.....

(name) is not enjoying this book because

