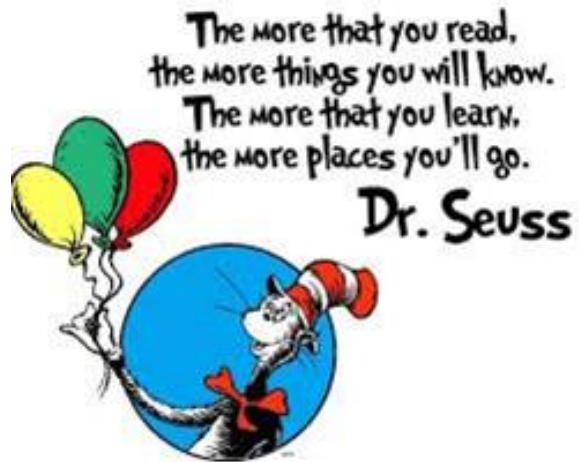


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Above all, enjoy it! Remember reading with your child regularly is the most valuable thing you can do to help them succeed. And you don't have to be an expert at it!



Thank you for you help.

Love from the Pinewood Team xxx



To help you and your child
get the most out of your
reading time



Find time every day to read

- The more exposure to books your child gets, the quicker he/she will understand how they work and start to enjoy stories.

Chat about the book first and enjoy the pictures before reading

- Read the title to your child and give a brief 'overview' of what the book is about in a few sentences e.g. "This book is about children playing in the park." You could talk about when you went to the park.
- Then go through the book, look at the pictures and talk about what is happening.
- Point out any hard words which you think your child may not know.
- It is helpful to use the same language as the book e.g 'We like playing on the ...'

Let your child be in charge of the book. They should hold the book, point and turn the pages.

- Your child will be very keen to show you how good they are getting at reading – so let them be in charge

Give them time to work out words and 'fix' mistakes

- If your child gets stuck-don't jump in straight away and give them the answer. Given a minute they may be able to work it out for themselves.

Say as little as possible once they start reading- save the praise for the end.

- At the end of the reading, tell your child the good things they did-

I loved the way you worked out that word

I loved the way you used the picture to help you

I loved the way you went back and read it again

because you knew it didn't sound right

I loved the way you changed your voice when the wolf spoke

Don't worry if they seem to be remembering rather than reading.

- This is all part of the way they learn. It is good to read a book several times for confidence building.

Remember that the pictures are there to help, don't cover them up.

- The pictures are one of the clues for your child to use to help them make sense of the words.