



# Handy Hints to help your child with reading in Year 1



Try and read a little every day, You don't need to read a whole book at once.

Try and read a variety of books, magazines, signs, poems etc.  
Try visiting the library.

Encourage children to sit still, hold the book carefully and point to the words.

When reading sometimes stop and ask your child what might happen next and ask them some 'why'...' questions about the story i.e. why did that happen?, why did the author choose that word?, why is the characters feeling that way?

Retell stories to each other and see how much you remember.

Talk about books your child likes and why they like them.

Tell your child about what you enjoy reading and why.

Compare books to each other and also to real life people and situations your child might have experienced.

Discuss the pictures and whether they match what you imagine when reading the words.

Encourage your child to act out plays and stories and try using expressive voices to match the story events.

Always praise your child's efforts when reading

