



Reading At Home (KS1)



Research shows that reading can widen a child's vocabulary, improve their spelling and develop their imagination and concentration. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

At Stoneferry Primary we encourage reading wherever we can: registration times; during lessons and guided reading sessions and at the end of the day through class texts. It is important for our pupils to read at home too. Our aim is for children to read at least 3 times a week. Reading should be seen as fun and not a chore. Why not spend 5 minutes every other day reading a page or two of your child's book?

Questions to discuss during reading to or with your child:

- Is it a fiction or non-fiction text? How do you know?
- Look at the front cover: What can you see? What might the book be about?
- Who is the author?
- Who is the illustrator?
- How can you read a tricky or unfamiliar word? (Sound it out).
- What does this word mean? (Stuck? Read the words around it to figure it out – put it into context).
- Which WOW words/phrases can you spot? Why has the author used these? Can you think of any other words for them? (e.g. *big = large, huge*).
- Who are the main characters?
- Where is the story set?
- What do you think will happen? Why?
- Can you predict how the book will end?
- How is ___ feeling? How do you know? (Look for clues: read between the lines).
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Is there a hidden message within the story?
- Can you retell the story/recall facts in your own words?
- Do you like the book? Why?

