Reading in Key Stage 1

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine
- Short sessions 10 mins a day is ideal
- Always make reading fun not a chore
- Talk and discuss the story
- Read a range of books not just the ones from school
- You can use the pictures to help read the text

Please remember to write the date and title of the book in the Reading Record. You can also add a comment if you wish.

Read Write Inc. - Children will be reading each day in their RWI lessons. Children will then bring home reading books every 3 days. Others will have the opportunity to change their books each day.

Children's voice – we would love to see what your child thinks about their books. After finishing a book, please encourage them to write a sentence about their book.



VIPERS is an acronym to aid the recall of the 6 reading skills. These are the areas children need to know and understand to improve their comprehension of texts.

Here are some example questions to use.

Vocabulary Questions	Inference Questions
 Can you find a word/sentence that tells/shows you that? Why do you think the author used the word to describe? Can you find a word in the text that means the same as? Find an adjective in the text. 	 What do you thinkmeans? Why do you think that? Why do you think? How do you think? When do you think? Where do you think? How has the author made us think that?
 Prediction Questions Where do you thinkwill go next? What do you thinkwill say/do next? What do you think this book will be about? Why? How do you think that this will end? Who do you think has done it? What mightsay about that? 	 Explanation Questions What do we call the writing on the back of the book?/What does the blurb tell us? What is happening in the picture? What sort of character is? Who/what is an author/ illustrator? What is similar/different about the characters/ settings?
 Retrieval Questions Who is/are the main character(s)? When/where is this story set? Which is your favourite/worst/ funniest/scariest part of the story? Why Tell me three facts you have learnt from the text. Find the part where 	 Sequencing Questions What happens in the beginning of the story? How/where does the story start? What happened at the end of the? Can you retell the story to me in 20 words or less? What happened before that?