

HELP WITH READING AT HOME

You child will have many opportunities to read in all their lessons every day. However, support with reading at home as often as possible further supports your child with all their curriculum subjects and widens their experiences.

Please follow the top tips below:

- Don't treat reading as a chore – treat it as a treat and something relaxing and fun to do. It will then sound like an appealing option.
- Your child doesn't just have to read the lengthy classics. Autobiographies, newspaper articles, comic books and graphic novels can improve their vocabulary and lead them into reading longer books.
- If your child finds a book that they really like, find more like it. Get books by the same author or from the same genre. The Book Trust has created a list of what to read after finishing some popular novels:
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/what-to-readafter/#!?q=&sortOption=MostRecent&pageNo=3>
- The website School Reading List has recommended books for each year group: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>
- On our school website, under the LIBRARY AND READING button, on both the parents' and students' sections there are recommended reading lists, links to our virtual library books, pod casts and information on our family reading initiative.
<http://www.ormistonchadwickacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/OCA-Mobile-Library-4.pdf>
- Encourage your child to read on their phone or tablet with apps such as the Kindle app, BBC News app and the Guardian app.
- Read a book as a family that has been made into a film, and then have a movie night!
- Listen to audiobooks in the car or download the Audible app on their phone to listen to. By subscribing to Amazon Audible, you can get a free audiobook each month. There are also other Audiobook apps available. Your child might prefer to listen to a book, but get hooked on one and will seek out the sequel to read.
- If they want to learn how to do something, find a book that will tell them how!

- If they admire a celebrity or are interested in a particular person from history, read their autobiography.
- Talk about books. Perhaps read the same book as your child so that you can discuss what you liked/disliked about it. It will give you more ideas about what to recommend for them next time.