

# Important

Let your child see you reading books, magazines and newspapers. This helps to demonstrate to your child that you value and enjoy reading.



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Parents Information Booklet

Helping My  
Child Develop  
Their Reading  
At Home



Years  
5 and 6

## What can I do to help my child in Years 5 and 6?

This stage is important for your child as a life-long reader. If he/she is interested now, it is likely that he/she will continue to enjoy reading, with all the benefits that it brings.

Through Years 5 and 6, children will still benefit from your help and interest.

Children of this age like collecting facts and they are improving their reading at the same time. Joke books, verses and poetry books may also be appreciated – they can be dipped into at odd moments.

You might give your child a subscription to a magazine that reflects his/her interests There are also junior supplements in many newspapers.

The other side of reading is getting into and enjoying a good children's novel. Children's libraries, book shops and the school can help you with selection, but at this stage it is mainly your child who will choose.

## SUPPORTING THE CONFIDENT READER

Confident readers have reached the stage where they no longer wish to read to an adult and want to read silently to themselves.

The interaction between the parent and child changes at this stage.

To ensure that the child's reading development continues to move forward, we would encourage parents to discuss with their child what they are reading.

It is crucial for readers to develop their understanding of the messages the authors give in books. to extend their reading and share their enjoyment of the book.

The following questions will provide some ideas that you can extend to suit individual needs.

### Some examples of questions to ask...

What kind of book is it? (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, short-story etc)

Who is the author/illustrator?

Have you read any other books by the same author?

What made you choose this book? (Author, cover, illustration, recommendation etc) .

Did you read the blurb before selecting the book?

Could you tell anything about the book before you started reading it?

What were the clues?

Was the book as you expected?

Was there anything you disliked about the story?

At what point did you decide you liked/disliked the story?

Did you notice anything special about the way language is used in this book?

Can you describe an exciting moment or favourite part of the story?

Is the story straightforward?

Is there more than one story happening at the same time?

Do we get to know the characters quickly or do they build up slowly through the book?

Would you recommend this book to your friends?