

Parents' Guide – How can I help my child be a better reader?

Understand what makes a good reader

Predict

Good readers predict and use clues to make predictions before they read and as they read.

Question

Good readers ask questions all the time and read to answer them

Clarify

Good readers take steps to help them understand what they've read

Summarise

Good readers look for the main ideas as they read and can give the 'gist' of what they have read in their own words

Helping your child at home

1. Encourage your child to read at home. It helps their imagination and wellbeing
2. Read aloud regularly. Try to read every day and build it in to the routine of everyday life
3. Encourage reading choice – it doesn't have to be fiction. It can be poetry, comics, recipes. Try leaving interesting reading material around the house and see who picks it up
4. Read together. Choose a time to read together.
5. Create a reading corner, bookshelf, beanbag area for example that is the 'reading corner'
6. Make use of your local library – North Bridlington has a dedicated area called 'Headlends'
7. Talk about books – start by discussing the covers of books and the blurbs
8. Bring your reading to life – try cooking a recipe you've read together for example
9. Make reading active – and maybe make links with the book to their everyday life
10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them. You know your child best – so think about times and genres of books that would interest them at a time that's best for them

What the school do

Forensic Reading: Y8

Tutor Reading

Reading Bingo

Library Visits

BitLit

Broad and balanced texts

Headlends

KS3 Book Club

