

How to support your child's reading and literacy



Time - Put aside time for reading in the week and at the weekend.
Build it into your home routine
Let them catch you reading!

Talk - Ask questions about the reading they're doing at home and school:
What are you reading in English?
What book have you got from the library?
What made you choose this book?
What has happened so far?
Can you give me a 1-minute summary?
What might happen next?

Link into the child's own experience by asking questions like...

Has this ever happened to you...tell me about it?
Have you ever been to a place like this... what was it like?
Have you ever done anything like that... what happened?
How do you think the character is feeling... have you ever felt like that?
That's a **tricky** word, what does it mean?
You said '**meritorious**' which **sounds like** '**merit**' can you **work out** the meaning from that?
Can you think of a **similar** word to that?
Can you think of an **opposite** word to that?
How would **you use** that word **in your own words**?
Let's look up the meaning **together**



Technology – get your child to download the BBC News and Sports app for bitesize non-fiction.

Turn on the subtitles on the TV
Sign up to Oldham's library to access free audiobooks



Variety – encourage your child to read a range of works

Fiction – novels, poems, short stories, graphic novels
Non-fiction – news, sports reporting, blogs
Get them to find what books are trending on #Booktok
Watch a TV or film adaptation of a famous book – A Christmas Carol, The Hunger Games, Ready Player One



Useful websites:

National literacy trust – literacy.org.uk – the latest in reading and writing events and research

Oldham libraries - oldham.borrowbox.com – borrow ebooks and audio books

Newsround - www.bbc.co.uk/newsround - non fiction news and events

Rewordify – rewordify.com – gives pupil friendly definitions and quizzes

