

Reading at Manor Park First School is one of the fundamental skills we teach each child during their time with us. Phonics and learning to read are intertwined. We use a systematic synthetic phonic approach delivering it through Pip and Pap.

From the very beginning we learn to read:

- By decoding (using sound to blend and read with fluency)
- With prosody (intonation, stress and rhythm)
- Comprehension (understanding).



We also develop a love of books and reading for pleasure!

Reading with your child

Here are some simple tips to help you help your child with reading at home.



1. Choose a quiet time.

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.

2. Make reading time enjoyable

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise if they are reluctant. Come back to it later.

3. Maintain the flow

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction.

4. Be positive

If your child says something nearly right, start with 'that is fine'. Don't say 'no that's wrong' but say 'let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with regular praise.

5. Visit the library

Encourage your child to use the public library regularly.

6. Regular practice

Try to read with your child on every school days 'little and often' is best and it helps to make it a part of your daily routine.

7. Communicate

Communicate regularly with teachers through the Digital Reading Log. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

8. Talk about the books

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the books, the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end and their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood the book and are developing their comprehension skills.

9. Variety is important

Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials e.g. picture books, chapter books, comics, newspapers, magazines, poems and information books. Find something they enjoy.

10. Read to your child

Your child benefits from hearing an expert reader, so keep reading aloud to them - they're never too old! You can choose slightly more challenging books than they could read themselves.