



Reading - Ways to help at home

Of all the support you can give your child, the most important job you'll probably do is helping with **reading**. That's because learning to read is best taught on a one-to-one basis, so giving your child a bit of shared reading time **every day** will make a big difference.

•It is also important for children to be **read to**. It is recognised that listening to stories is 'good' for children who are learning to read. You can motivate your child to read by regularly sharing a book with them. Your child will sense your love of books, your enjoyment of a good story and your appreciation of good illustrations.

5 Ways to help your child with reading.

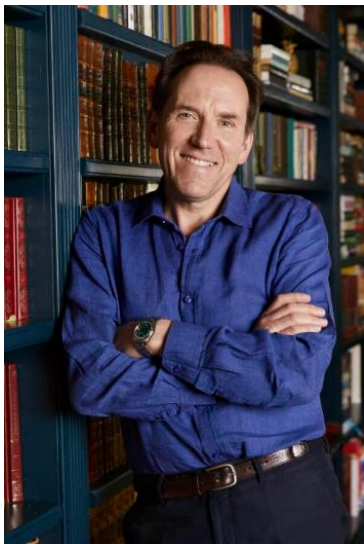
1. **Model** fluent reading so children can hear stories aloud with expression at all ages. (Audio books can be useful)
2. **Hear** your child read aloud. As they get older they may prefer to read in their heads. This is fine occasionally but ensure that they read out loud too. It is much easier to skip over unknown words and leave out expression if no-one is listening.
3. **Talk** about books together. Pick out words that they may not have come across before - can they explain what they mean?
4. **Re-read** words, sentences pages or even the whole book. It is fine to take your time with books. Try out different expressions. Which sounds the best?
5. **Make a dedicated time** for reading each day that suits your family.

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Author of the Month - Ben Miller

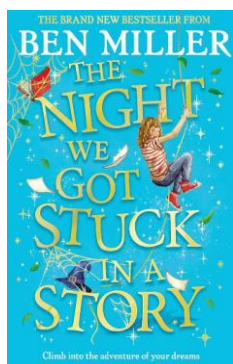


Can you introduce the plot of *The Night We Got Stuck in a Story*?

It's about Harrison and Lana and they go to stay with Nana and Grandad because it's the Easter holidays, and at the bottom of Nana and Grandad's garden is a magical hollow tree. They discover that if they climb up inside this hollow tree and out of the top they can go inside their bedtime story.

What was your favourite part to write?

I loved writing Yashar the bear which they meet in this magical fairytale world. He's got a really interesting story but you're not sure how friendly a bear he is to start with. He's a little offhand with Lana but he ends up being her friend and ally. I like the character of the bear. He takes her to his cave and makes lots of magical potions in his cave and I think that would be a really fun place to go – into a bear's cave!



What was your favourite book as a child?

Definitely Winnie the Pooh. I loved the fact they went on an adventure and I love that it was set in a wood and I loved the comedy. I loved the feeling that it was a magical special world, but very ordinary things seemed to happen in it. The more ordinary the things which happened the funnier it was. So when Pooh ate a bit too much honey and got stuck in rabbit hole, that just seemed incredibly funny!

Read more at;
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/ben-miller-the-night-we-got-stuck-in-a-story/>



Thank you..

...for your support at the book fair. It was a great turnout and we raised some more money to spend on new books for the school library and classrooms. Amazing! Thank you to our Reading Ambassadors who did a great job running it!

GINA KAMINSKI Saves the Wolf

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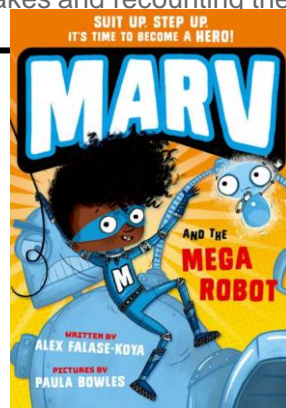
What a great read! The inside cover alone is a delight – crammed with emojis showing an array of emotions which children can share and talk about. The story is written in an informal style and follows a young neuro-diverse girl, Gina, as she journeys through the story of Red Riding Hood, fixing mistakes and recounting the true facts

Marv and the Mega Robot

Alex Fasase-Koya

Marvin is an ordinary boy who loves spending time with Grandpa, reading comics, and making science experiments with his best friend Joe. But everything changes when he discovers a mysterious superhero suit hidden in the attic . . . to his amazement, Marvin learns that he is next in a long line of superheroes. Now the time has come to meet his destiny!

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St. Kath's' Recommended Reads

There's A Beast in the Basement

By Pamela Butchart

Chaos and mayhem reign as Izzy and her friends take on another hilarious (mis)adventure. There's no such thing as an ordinary day at school when they're around... Izzy and her friends overhear their head teacher talking about "missing treasure" and "running out of time". They know this means there's TREASURE buried in the school somewhere and that Mr Graves wants it all for himself.

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The Snow Girl

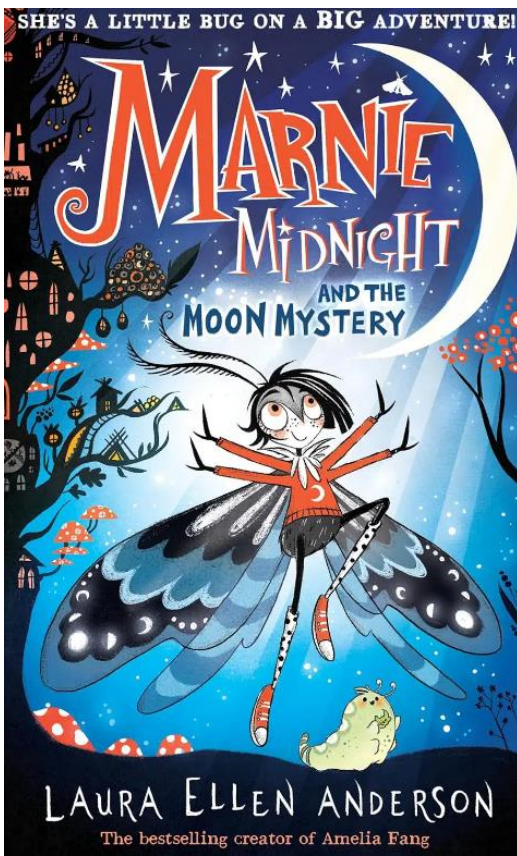
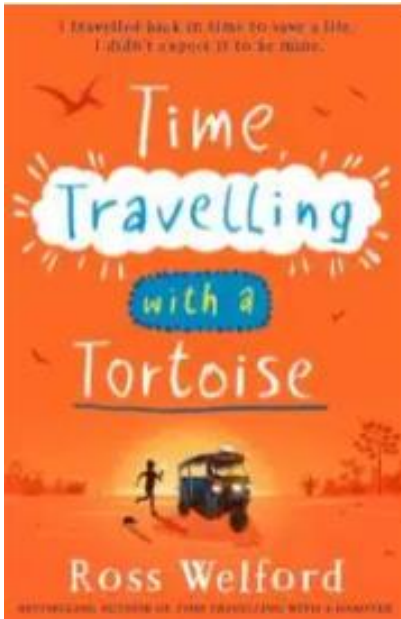
Sophie Anderson

A fairy-tale story of friendship, belonging and bravery, in an adventure through a winter wonderland. When Tasha builds a snow girl with her grandpa, all she wants is for her to be real. If only wishes on snow could come true... Then Tasha meets Alyana, a friend made of wishes, starlight, snowfall and magic. But when your best friend is made of winter, what do you do when spring comes?

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New books releases for Spring 2024





If you like...

David Walliams

Try these...



Mylo's Reading Club!



Don't forget to share your thoughts on books with the Reading Ambassadors too!



Did you spot Mylo enjoying a story?



Are you a bookworm? Do you love reading?

Write a short summary of your **favourite book** to encourage others to give it a read. **Hand in** to Mrs Wright or your class teacher if you would like to see your review in the next newsletter.

Donations Welcome

Do you have any **children's books**, that are of good quality, which are no longer needed? If so, we will happily accept donations. Please hand in through the school office. **Thank you** for the kind donations we have already received.

