



Ravenscote Reading Tips

1. Show interest in your child's reading. Be positive and praise their efforts. Remember: success breeds success.
2. Try to find a quiet place to listen to your child. Look through the book and talk about the story, using the pictures to get ideas.
3. Listen to your child every day if possible. It only takes 5 or 10 minutes. Keep it short and successful.
4. Let your child be independent in holding the book and turning the pages. They should be the one pointing to the words, not you. Only point to the text to assist with a problem.
5. Once your child can track across the text word by word, they do not need to point to every word read, eyes can control the reading and this helps to develop fluency.
6. Give your child time to work out a word, don't tell them straightaway. They may take time to solve the problem and that is ok. Remember to offer praise when they are successful!
7. Remember, it is useful to re-read familiar books at home as this helps to build fluency. Do not be concerned about rushing through the reading levels.
8. Keep communicating with us at school. Tell us what has gone well and if you have any concerns, use the school handbook or come to talk to us. Your child will like the fact that you write in their handbook and show interest.
9. Give your child the experience of a range of reading material- comics, magazines, internet, etc. Join the library; - it's free!!
10. Your interest in reading is such a valuable thing. Your role is vital in your child's success. Don't forget to read to your child in your first language too. This develops an ear for story structures and cultural identity.