

Aycliffe Village Primary School



Great oaks from tiny acorns grow

Useful Tips to support Reading and Writing

1. Sharing books from an early age is hugely beneficial for children.
2. Enjoying and sharing books from being young, enables children to see reading as a source of pleasure.
3. Through the sharing of good books, children's vocabulary increases which enables them to talk confidently.
4. Share a range of rhymes.
5. Pure sounds should be used when children are saying sounds. This means, where possible, the 'uh' sounds after consonants should not be said. E.g. the sound 'f' should be pronounced ffff rather than fuh.
6. It is important children quickly learn to recognise digraphs and trigraphs as one sound, rather than as separate letters. E.g. rain should be read as r-ai-n not r-a-i-n.
7. It is important children learn to read words without blending as soon as possible. Children progress from blending out loud, to blending in their head before reading on sight. The sooner they can read on sight, the quicker their fluency will improve.
8. From an early age, allow your child access to various writing materials of all shapes and sizes. (Paint brushes, crayons, pencil, pens).
9. Encourage participation in skills that involve manipulating objects. (jigsaws, threading)
10. Encourage activities to promote finger strength. (tweezers, building bricks, playdough)
11. Encourage activities to promote gross motor skills. (painting walls outside with water, using a wheelbarrow, climbing ladders)
12. Encourage activities to promote hand-eye coordination.
13. (ball games, skipping, throwing a frisbee, throwing stones into the sea)