

Reading Together



Reading together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child.

As you share books you are helping to improve your child's reading skills and also showing them how important and enjoyable reading is.

At Trumps Green our aim is for all children to:-

Enjoy reading and see it as a pleasurable activity, as well as a means of following instructions and finding things out.

Develop the skills necessary to read a range of text types for pleasure and for information.

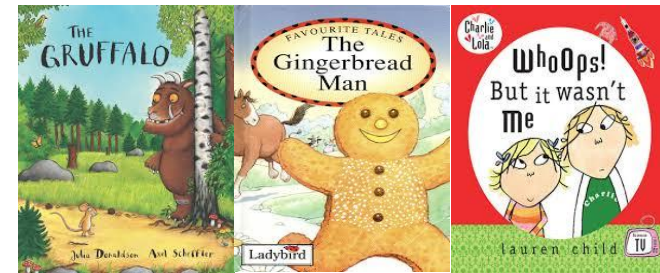
Become confident and competent readers.

Have access to a range of enjoyable and diverse reading experiences.

Enjoy Reading Together

Continue to read favourite stories together. Children will enjoy reading the same texts over and over again!

After a while your child will have the confidence to 'read' the book to you by themselves.



The first books that your child will bring home are for sharing and reading together.

Find a quiet and comfortable place to share the book together.

Introduce the book to your child by looking at the pictures.

What do they think the story is about?

Discuss the characters in the story?

Read the story together and talk about what is happening in the pictures.

Encourage your child to join in with any repetitive text e.g. *Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man.*

Encourage your child to predict rhyming words in the text e.g. *He has knobbly knees, and turned-out toes, And a poisonous wart at the end of his*

Developing Early Reading Skills

Talking about the book with your child will help to develop their enjoyment and understanding.

Did they enjoy the book? Why? Why not?

Who was their favourite character? Why?

Which part did they like the best? Why?

As your child develops confidence with reading you can further support them by encouraging them to:-

Point to each word as you read together, tracking the text from left to right.

Listen for and point to the sounds that they can hear at the beginning of words.

Listen for and point to the sounds that they can hear at the end of words.

Recognise the difference between letters and words.

Point out familiar letter shapes.

Recognise and match familiar words.

Challenges

**My child won't read, no matter what I do.
How can I help?**

Please remember that:-

All children progress in different ways and at different rates.

Be patient.

Learning to read independently takes time.
Your child will benefit greatly from your continued and regular support at home.

Read to your child as much as possible.

Talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Working together will help.

All children benefit from and enjoy hearing stories read aloud to them.

Please continue to do this regularly even when your child has developed the skills to read fluently and independently.