

KS3

If your child does not enjoy reading, try to find out why!

Reading could be something to do to further hobbies, read around topics they already enjoy (reading lists and recommendations for different subjects can be found on Firefly) or as a break from topics being studied in school.

Build confidence!

Find some quick reads (no more than 128 pages) to boost their reading self-esteem. A quick check with their teacher can give you a clear picture of how they're getting on as readers.

Make it a habit!

You could create a new routine at home where your child reads for 10 minutes when they get in from school, after dinner or before bed.

Make it a family affair!

Encourage your child to read by modelling a love of reading – have family reading time where you all sit down together and read; ask your child to read to you; Or, spend 5 minutes after dinner discussing what you are all enjoying reading at the moment.

Make use of school resources!

Encourage your child to take an interest in the 'Ripley Reads' book recommendations at school, and to ask their English teacher or Mrs Bracey (librarian) for further recommendations.

The book is always better!

Look out for books that have been made into films or TV series – encourage them to read the book first and then they can look forward to watching the film or series afterwards. Or encourage them to read the book of a film or series they have already enjoyed.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!

Finding a book or an author that you like can be difficult but encourage your child to persevere and not to be put off reading by one book they haven't enjoyed – there are many more out there!

Good Reads!

Visit GoodReads.com with your child. Here you will find book recommendations, reviews, reading challenges and a chance for your child to discuss the book they're currently reading with lots of other avid readers their age.

KS4

If your son/daughter does not enjoy reading, try to find out why!

Reading could be something to do to further hobbies, read around topics they already enjoy (reading lists and recommendations for different subjects can be found on Firefly) or as a break from topics being studied in school.

Build confidence!

Find some quick reads (no more than 128 pages) to boost their reading self-esteem. A quick check with their teacher can give you a clear picture of how they're getting on as readers.

Make it a habit!

You could create a new routine at home where your son/daughter reads for 10 minutes when they get in from school, after dinner or before bed.

Make it a family affair!

Encourage your son/daughter to read by modelling a love of reading – have family reading time where you all sit down together and read; ask your son/daughter to read to you; Or, spend 5 minutes after dinner discussing what you are all enjoying reading at the moment.

Make use of school resources!

Encourage your son/daughter to take an interest in the 'Ripley Reads' book recommendations at school, and to ask their English teacher or Mrs Bracey (librarian) for further recommendations.

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Learning to read at 51!

Watch the documentary 'Learning to Read at 51' on BBC iPlayer and reflect on why it is so important for us to read and why we are so fortunate to have this ability.

KS5

Motivation is what gets you started, commitment is what keeps you going!

Remember that they don't have to commit to every book. We know that time is precious at sixth form so here is our 'Top Tip' from Mr Baker: read the first 5 pages of 5 different books (can be from the JCL, local library or at home) and only choose to read the one that gets you hooked.

Read around your passions!

Help your son/daughter find books which will help you develop their passions. Encourage them to read about something they are interested in, about places they want to visit, things they would like to do or people they would love to meet.

Enrich your knowledge!

Encourage your son/daughter to speak to their subject teachers for books they can read to further their study and enrich their understanding of the subject. Pupils can also check out Firefly for subject specific reading lists and recommendations.

A Quiet Spot!

Does your son/daughter have a quiet spot at home where they can enjoy reading in peace? Is there a particular time of day that is the quietest in the house? Have this conversation with your son/daughter and encourage them to make the most of this space and time.

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