

Golden Rules

- DON'T think that because your child can make his way through simple school reading books without too many mistakes that he has mastered reading. Fluent confident reading will take years of practice.
- DO find things for your child to read which centre on his non-school interests. Try to help your child to understand that reading is something we do for fun and not just at school.
- DON'T think that books are the only or best way to practise reading. Comics, magazines and some websites are also great ways for your child to get enjoyable reading practice.
- DO let your child see you reading for enjoyment from time to time. It is true that children do as we do, not as we say.
- DO read some of the same things that your child reads. It's nice to be able to talk to someone else about what we've read.
- DON'T criticise or pressurise your child if they're not that keen on reading. Instead try to find reading material about their hobbies or interests which might encourage a reading habit. But if they're still not interested take a step back for a little while.
- DO encourage your child to lend books or comics to friends and let him borrow them from others. This might spur them on to reading even more, and it helps to keep your costs down.
- DO let your child use the internet to learn more about her interests but DON'T allow her to have unsupervised access.