

## The importance of Reading at home.

It is never too late to make a difference in a child's reading confidence and skill. We notice within a few weeks the rapid progress that children make when they are getting the extra practice to read at home.

If you are interested in finding out more about the difference you can make, please see the following link:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/news/news-2023/how-does-reading-benefit-children/>



## Top Tips to encourage reading

Research shows that parents have an important role to play in developing a love of reading. One way you can help with this is to explore different texts with your child: magazines, blog posts, novels, online articles.

Did you know that parents who talk to their children about books, TV programmes and films help their child to develop an interest in reading? Consider when might be a good time in your day/week to ask your child about what they've watched or read recently.

Having books, magazines and other texts at home makes a difference to children's interest in reading and their achievement. Exploring your local library is a great way to bring new texts into the home at no cost to you and it allows your child to encounter a variety of text types.

Have you seen the 'Turn the Subtitles On' campaign? Research shows that turning the subtitles on the TV can have a significant impact on young people's reading skills.

You are probably aware that research shows reading is a key factor for academic success. But did you know that this could be the reading of fiction or non-fiction? Many students prefer reading nonfiction, such as autobiographies, magazine articles or blog posts.

Reading is not confined to the pages of a book. Remember that when your child reads the internet, instructions, recipes etc they are still reading – in fact they're reading purposefully.

None of us like everything we read; it's important for us to be open about that with our children. We can help them to find texts they are interested in by talking about the passions, their hobbies and what they're interested in doing in the future.