

# Reading at Home

Thank you for your support in helping our young readers at Bishop Road. As you embark on the reading journey with us, this handout includes some guidance and tips that will be useful when hearing our children read.



## Reading Strategies: Pause, Prompt and Praise

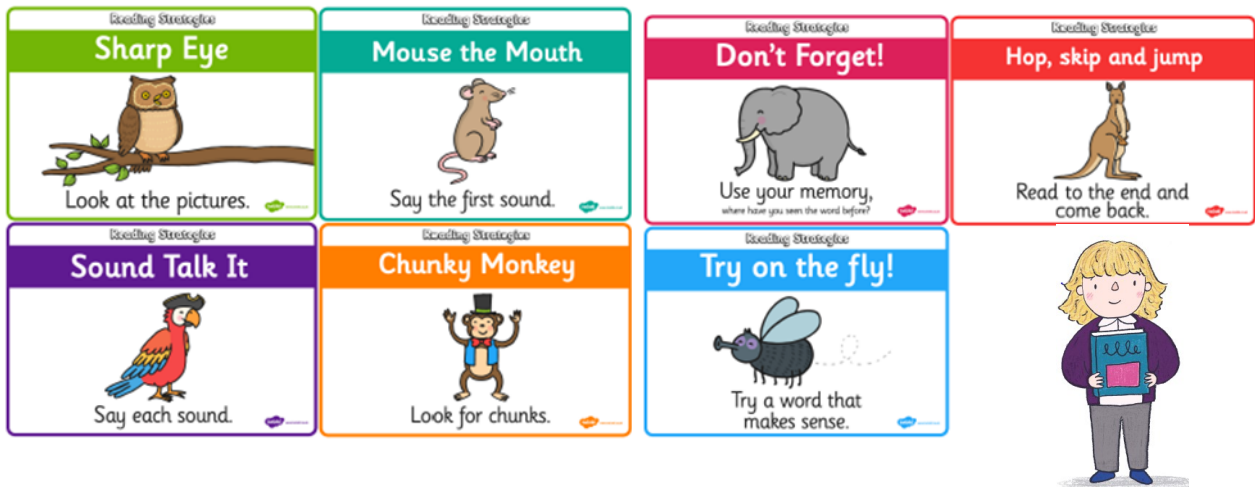
**PAUSE** to help them work out the new words

**PROMPT** by using some of the techniques mentioned in this booklet

**PRAISE** them for trying whether they are right or wrong

**It is important to use as many clues as possible to help children when they encounter difficulty.**

Below are the reading strategies we teach when tackling reading words.



- Talk about the book before you begin to read – look at the front cover, and the pictures (if any) and ask the child to think about or even guess what the book may be about.
- Ask questions to check the child's understanding e.g. What might happen next? Why did something happen?
- Talk about the book afterwards – did the child enjoy it? Why? What was the best bit?
- Tell the child one thing you really enjoy about listening to them read.

## Helpful questions to ask children when reading:

Children's understanding of what they have read is the key to success and enjoyment of reading. It allows children to challenge ideas, collect a wider range of vocabulary and become creative writers as they use the language they have acquired to improve their writing.

Where does the story take place?

When did the story take place?

Can you describe the character's appearance?

Where do the characters live?

Who are the main characters?

What happened in the story?

Can you describe the problem in the story? How would you solve it?

Can you identify words that describe the setting or character?

What happened after....?

Can you tell me why....?

Look at the picture of the character, how do you think they are feeling?

Why might this be?

Describe what happened at/when.

What do you think will happen next?

What did the character say to....?

What does the word ... imply/make you think of?

What do you think will happen because of .....

Through whose eyes is the story told?

Why do you think ... feels...?

How have the characters changed during the story?

Predict what you think is going to happen next. What makes you think this?

How do you know that...? (Deduce/Infer)

What does the main character feel at this point in the story?

### Which books are best?

- Books your child likes
- Books suggested by your child's teacher
- Books your child chooses from a library or bookshop that they want to read
- Never be afraid of re-reading books



### What else can your child read?

- Comics or magazines
- Instructions or recipes
- Information books
- Newspapers
- Poems
- Recorded stories