

Tips for hearing your KS2 child read:

- Try to pick a time when you are not rushed.
- Try to choose a quiet place where you won't be disturbed and there is no background noise e.g. television.
- If it is a new book, have a look at the blurb (back cover) together and if your child has already been reading it, ask them to give a quick summary of what it is about and where they are up to.
- Encourage your child to pay attention and read to the punctuation e.g. pausing at full stops and commas.
- Encourage your child to use expression when reading character's speech.
- If your child struggles on a word, try to wait a few seconds and let them try before you help them. You could encourage them to sound out the word, break it into syllables/parts or read the rest of the sentence and see if they can work out the word from that.
- Check they understand any challenging or new words – see if they can then use it in their own sentence.
- Ask some questions as you go (use our sheet of example ones).
- Write a brief comment in their reading record (see out sheet of example ones).
- Aim to spend about 10 minutes but do stop earlier if your child doesn't seem to be in the right mood.