

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

There are a number of ways you can support your child at home with their English. Please use the information and links below to explore just some ideas and resources.

CHOOSING BOOKS

I Opened a Book

*"I opened a book and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me."*

— Julia Donaldson

Reading a book that really absorbs you is a magical experience and at HBJs we want to support your children to find books which engage and excite them.

Consequently we have collated lists of suggested reading materials for each year group which can be found in our Kids Zone section.

Alternatively try using this website to find a book which suits your child's interests....

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/book-sorter>

READING ONLINE

There are also many excellent and FREE e-books to read with your child and it would be perfectly ok to include these as your 'home reading book'!

Try exploring the following websites:



Magic Keys: Stories to read online.

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

Some famous (and less well-known) books, read to you by some famous faces. <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

TOP TIPS FOR HEARING YOUR CHILD READ

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Parents/ten-tips-on-hearing-your-child-read>



GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING

There are also a multitude of resources focussed on helping your child to improve their spelling, punctuation and grammar. Here are just a few online resources for you to investigate:

Grammar

<http://www.tesspag.com/sks726/f3>

Punctuation

<http://www.tesspag.com/sks726/f2>

Spelling

<http://www.tesspag.com/sks726/f1>

Don't forget to also help your child learn the spellings set in their weekly spelling logs.