



How you could support your child to improve their literacy skills:

1) Listen to your child reading everyday. Discuss what they have read by asking questions or asking your child to summarise what they have read, in their own words.

You could use this success criteria for your child to consider when they are reading aloud:

- Speak loudly (**projection**)
- Speak clearly (**clarity**)
- **Pace** yourself (don't speak too quickly / slowly)
- **Pause** appropriately after **punctuation**
- **Pause** at the end of a **paragraph**
- **Emphasise** appropriate words / phrases (for example, how would you emphasise a question, or words written in capital letters)?

2) Research, discuss and model a wide variety of vocabulary -including the *Word of the Week* - with your child.

3) Read your child's written work with them and have a discussion. What was good? Is there anything that could be improved such as using capital letters, or punctuation?

4) Discuss the topics and / or books which your child is studying at school.

5) Discuss news items with your child.

6) Provide opportunities for your child to discuss any ideas or interests, at length, with you.

7) Support your child with their homework by discussing, planning and / or reviewing.

8) Model writing in front of / with your child.