

THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY READING.

Reading is one of the greatest gifts that you can give your child.



Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together - and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers. We recognise the important role that parents and the home learning environment play in supporting early literacy skills and helping children develop to their full potential.



Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures in a news release about their findings: Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: **Never read to, 4,662 words**; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words.

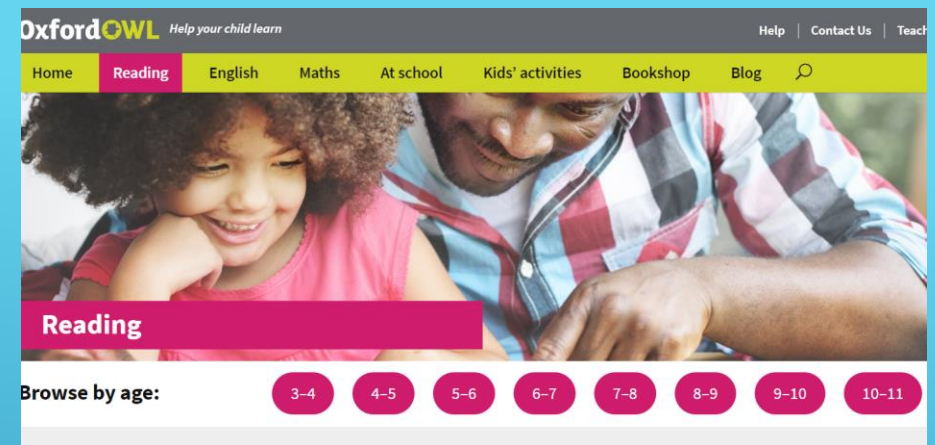
Unpacking the book

- Choose the right time and space
- Explore the book starting with the 'jacket'
- Talk about what you can see - location, characters.
- Illustrations are very important- give children context and aid comprehension.
- Use phrases such as "I wonder what the girl will do next."
- Encourage your child to comment on what they can see or name.
- Express your pleasure in reading the story, be animated, use silly voices, show your emotions.
- Once unpacked it's time to have a code at sounding out and sight reading words.

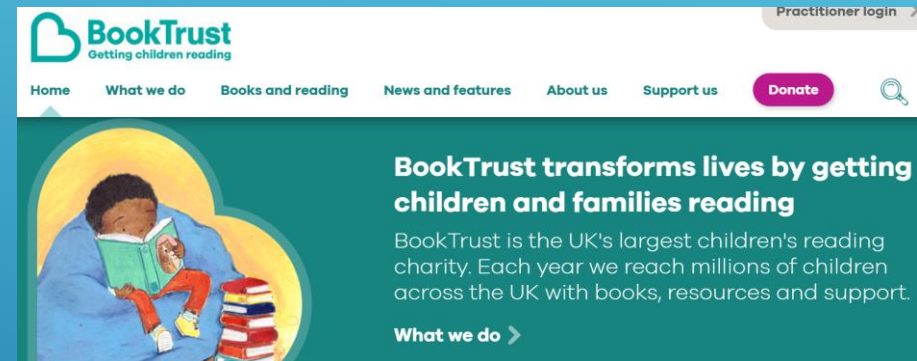
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