

Year Four

In Year 4 many children can read fluently and independently, although they still need to use their phonics skills for new or long words. They are developing their vocabulary and understanding of text. Listening to them read, and reading to them, will help with this.



Key Skills

I Can

- ✓ Read fluently aloud and in my head
- ✓ Read with expression
- ✓ Break words into chunks (sometimes syllables) to help me read them
- ✓ Notice mistakes as I am reading, correct myself, and re-read the sentence altogether
- ✓ Skim and scan text to find key words, phrases or information
- ✓ Make a detailed picture in my head, of what I am reading
- ✓ Change this picture as I read new information
- ✓ Ask questions about my reading, using 'Why', 'How' and 'I wonder'.
- ✓ Explain the meaning of the words I read
- ✓ Try to work out new words by reading around them, thinking about the context
- ✓ Retell the text in my own words
- ✓ Find evidence from the text to make predictions, explain my ideas or find answers to questions

Help your child to read widely. Show your child websites (check them first!) books, and magazines that link to their hobbies - whether it's swimming, football, dance, music, art, or something else. It's really important to value your child's choices, even when a book looks too easy or too difficult, too silly or too similar to other books they have read. Children can often read books that initially appear to be too difficult (especially if it is a topic that interests them) or fall back on a familiar favourite. If they've chosen a tricky book, support them with new vocabulary. If they have chosen an old favourite, be reassured that they will be developing comprehension skills and confidence.



Questions to ask

- Can you summarise this page?
- What is the gist of this book?
- Are you enjoying it so far? Why?
- What do you think will happen later? Why?
- What does this word mean? How do you know?
- Why do you think the author chose that particular word/phrase? What else could they have chosen?
- Which adjectives told you the most about this setting or character?
- Can you recall another book that you have read, in this genre? How is it similar/different?
- What other information would you like to know about this character/event?