Early Years Parent Prompt
Learning to Read with Understanding

Collins BIG CAT Phonics for Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

Supporting your child with reading

Although your child will be taught to read at school, you can have a huge impact on their reading journey by continuing their practice at home.

There are two types of reading book that your child may bring home:
A reading practice book. This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
A sharing book. Your child will not be able to read this on their own. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

Reading practice book

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading.

Listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

Please use the guidance in the front and back of the book for 'Before Reading' and 'After Reading'

Sharing book

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together.
Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun! (See reverse of this bookmark for some talk prompts)

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Sometimes, there's no need to ask lots of questions or make it feel like a test. Instead, enjoy chatting about the story, following your child's interests, and sharing your own thoughts.
This kind of book talk helps children develop a love of reading and deeper understanding over time.
Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey at home. 📚💛

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I don't like this part because...

My favourite part is... because...

My favourite character/thing is... because...

This reminds me of...

This is like when I...

This makes me feel... because...

This part is funny/exciting because...

I learned that... (non-fiction link)

A new fact I found out is...

I think next... will happen because...

I would tell a friend to read this because...

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