

Here at Ingoldmells Academy we fully acknowledge the importance of reading as a skill for life. We want our pupils to be competent, confident readers who enjoy books and reading.

This is the first in a series of leaflets to be sent home each week. They aim to help you to help your child with their reading and to explain how, as an academy we teach and encourage reading.

How can you help your child with their reading?

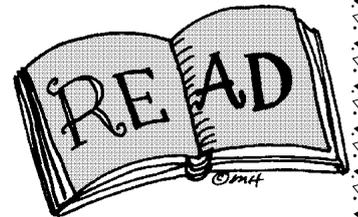
Reading is one of the most important and satisfying ways that you can help your child to progress in their learning. Like all skills; be it football, playing an instrument or learning another language, only a certain amount can be achieved through teaching – the most important part is practise.

For your child to become a lifetime reader they need to be able to decode the words, they need to understand what they are reading and most importantly, enjoy reading!

You can help so much.

Each evening when you read together try the following...

- Be positive. Praise your child for trying hard at their reading. It's alright to make mistakes.
- If they find a word difficult, encourage them to sound it out, split it into chunks, use the pictures (if there are any) or think what would make sense in the sentence.
- It's not just books your child can read. Comics, signs, labels etc. All of these will help to broaden your child's vocabulary.
- Read yourself. Set a good example by reading for pleasure and talking about the reading you do at work and home.
- Each time you read with your child, remember to let us know by filling in your child's reading diary.



Most importantly enjoy reading with your child and you will be helping them acquire a skill for life.

Watch out for next week's leaflet in this series of supporting reading at home. Or alternatively you can get the full set from our academy website

www.ingoldmellsacademy.org