TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

* Reading is not just a mechanical exercise. It is vital that children enjoy and understand the texts they are reading.
* Books should be shared at least twice, if not three times and not all in the same night!

**Sharing a book the first time**

* Prediction skills -What is it going to be about? What will happen now?
* Talking about the pictures and the characters
* Reading together and building confidence
* Decoding new words and checking their meaning
* If your child is learning English as an additional language you can do all of the above in your child’s home language as well as in English.

**Second Time**

* Recalling and following the sequence of events- What happened next? What happened at the end? Who was in this story?
* Practising the text and reading for sense and greater fluency

**Third Time**

* Reading confidently and independently, perhaps with some expression
* Answering deeper questions about the text. Why do you think he did that? How is he feeling? Why?
* **Repeating & mastering a book will create a more confident,**
* **motivated reader!** Starting a new book every night can be difficult for a child and may be demoralising for them.

Do not read if a child is tired or refusing (speak to your teacher)

Keep sessions short and fun!