

How you can help!

Taking an active interest in your child's learning is one of the best ways you can help your child to do better in school and in life. Learning is not just about what happens in school, children are learning all the time through what they see, hear and do.

A little reading goes a long way!

- ◆ A good 10 minutes is much better than a difficult half hour!
- ◆ Plan quality, quiet time to read together!
- ◆ Discuss each page. You may discuss what is happening, talk about the words that have been chosen by the author, comment on the pictures, pick out individual words they may be struggling on!
- ◆ Praise! Make it a fun enjoyable time.

When we teach your children how to read.

During Guided Reading

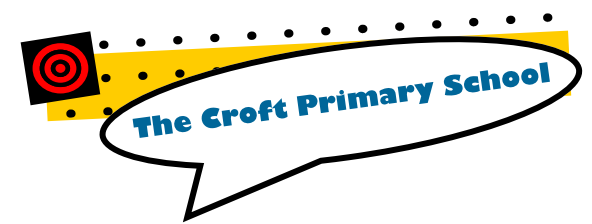
Your child will spend time reading in a small group. The children will all be at a similar reading level and working towards similar targets in reading.

Individual Reading

The children are taught how to read on an individual basis. They will be reading books levelled and supplied by the school. Please support them with these books at home.

Lesson Time

During the week, teachers teach reading skills such as comprehension and finding answers in a text. These texts may be linked to their topic, providing the class with a variety of reading experiences.



Reading Information Leaflet



This leaflet aims to explain how your children are taught to read at The Croft Primary School and how you can help!

► Strategies the children need to read well!

In school, children are taught a range of strategies they can use to help them work out unknown words.

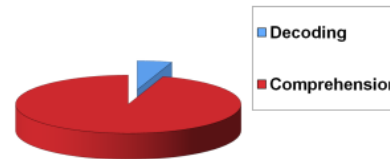
These are:

- ◆ Phonics! Ask the children to sound out the word using the sounds that they know. 'Sound it out!'
- ◆ Use the pictures as a clue. (this is not cheating!)
- ◆ Predict what the word could be from the context it is in. Read the rest of the sentence, what word would make sense?
- ◆ Split the word up. Do you know any parts of the word?



Being a 'Good Reader!'

Expert readers



It is necessary that the children are able to read the words and it is essential that they have understood what they have read and that they can discuss what they have read in some detail.

Once the children have read the book, they discuss characters, plot and the setting of the text. They should also be asked their opinions and asked to explain their answers.

Here are some examples of questions you could ask:

- ◆ What do you think this book is going to be about?
- ◆ What did he/she/it look like?
- ◆ Which words has the author used to show that this character is funny?
- ◆ Could this book be better?
- ◆ Which was your favourite part of the story?
- ◆ What happened in the story?
- ◆ What might this mean?

Remember to praise your child for trying, succeeding, having a go and enjoying reading!