



Dear parents of Junior Infants.

Your child is now beginning a home reading programme and this will give you the parent an opportunity to participate in your child's learning. This is also your child's introduction to homework so reading with your child each evening is very important. Your child will bring home a reading pack with a book and prompt questions for asking your child before and after reading. The first step in this process is reading aloud for the child.

- Sit somewhere comfortable as this should be an enjoyable experience for both child and parent.
- Make sure that it is a quiet place away from distractions such as TV
- Hold the book so that child can see the pictures and writing.
- Let child hold book and turn pages as you read the story for the child.
- Draw attention to pictures when reading.
- Sometimes point to words when reading for example the name of the character in the story as it will be repeated.
- Talk about characters, what is happening, what might happen next.
- Help child to tell the story from the pictures.
- When finished use some of the questions from the prompt card and remember to use the **5W and 1H....What, Who, When, Where, Why and How.**
- Enjoy reading with your child as it is the greatest gift you can give your child.



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