



Reading at Brynllwarch Hall School.

Reading is such a crucial skill for future life and academic success and as

such it is a focus for all our learners at Brynllwarch Hall School, so supporting reading at home is very important to help your child reach their true potential, even if it's for just 15 minutes a day. It's also a great way to ensure children have a little meaningful time away from technology, some one-to-one time and as well as all this it's a great way for them to relax and wind down before bed and improves sleep.

Here are a few great ways to do just that!

- **Give children hands-on experiences with books (Kindles & E-readers)**

Allow children (including non-readers) to hold the books/ e-reader while they are reading or being read to. Let them practice turning the pages, pointing to the words that are being read, and finding words they know in the text.

- **Talk and write about books together.**

Before reading a book, have your reader do a picture walk through the book and make predictions based on the title and the illustrations. Talk about what's happening during the book, try to encourage your reader to make connections to the text, and discuss the ending (or create a new one together!).

- **Foster a love for reading within your child.**

Some children could spend hours reading, and others really struggle with loving it. That's totally okay! You can still help to encourage a love of reading in children by simply showing our excitement for reading, too. Start with books that excite them and pique their interest. One fun

way to do this is to take them to the local library to explore the book choices there. Then you can model enjoying reading when you read the books together.

- **Using technology to support reading.**

Children live in a digital world, there are plenty of ways technology can help children develop their reading skills too, from Kindles and E-readers to listening to audiobooks, you tube videos of authors reading texts and interactive quizzes. All of these things expose children to reading too, remember to talk to children about what they are reading too.

- **Refer to reading strategies and use them consistently.**

There are so many different fun and catchy ways to help readers implement reading strategies. When your reader has a foundation of strategies in their toolkit, they will be able to better problem-solve independently.

- **Practice sight words consistently and introduce new words regularly.**

Sight words, or high-frequency words, are words that cannot be sounded out easily. As a matter of fact, [Fry's top 100 words](#) make up 50% of all published text! Practicing these words, along with a solid phonics foundation, makes readers successful.

For any further support, suggestions or ideas please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.