



Reading Strategy Bookmark

Introducing the reading strategy bookmark. Please use this bookmark to assist your child when reading. These strategies are ones that are frequently used within the classroom. Please consider that we do not read words in isolation from each other but together they have meaning.

They are fairly self-explanatory, however more information is given below.

- 1) Does it make sense? The chosen word- does it fit into the sentence.
- 2) Look for clues. Look at the picture, your child might be a really good detective and figure what the tricky word is.
- 3) Listen to how it sounds. Encourage sounding out. Ask your child to listen carefully, does it sound like a word that would fit in.
- 4) Look for little words inside big words. Can your child spy words like; in, an etc inside larger words. Breaking words down into parts and then putting them together can make it easier.
- 5) Search for similarities. Word families, your child may be familiar with the word – can, so if they can change the first letter to a D, can they say Dan?
- 6) Try a popper. Your child may still not be sure on that word, so what word would work, ummm- I wonder if it is that one? Does it fit any other of the strategies outlined?
- 7) Backtrack and read again. Really important for developing comprehension, if your child has used any of the above strategies or are still unsure of what they have read, encourage your child to go back to the beginning of the sentence and make sense of what your child has read.
- 8) Skip it and go on. Your child is not sure of the word and has used the above strategies; they should skip it and read on to the end of the sentence. Amazingly your child may be able to work out what it could be. Then very importantly, backtrack and read again for understanding.

Remember those “Tricks for” Sounds too. Happy Reading!!!!

