

## Open A Book

Open a book  
And you will find  
People and places  
Of every kind.

Open a book  
And you can be  
Anything that  
You want to be.

Open a book  
And you can share  
Wonderous worlds  
You find in there.

Open a book  
And I will, too.  
You read to me,  
And I'll read to you.

Anon.

## Questions to ask your child when you have finished reading a book

It is really important that your child understands what has happened in the book as well as being able to read it. Here a few questions that may help check your child has understood:

- Did you enjoy the book? Why?
- Which was your favourite character? Why?
- Was there anything about it you did not like?
- Could you think of another ending?
- Did you come across any unusual words?
- Are there any words you did not know the meaning of?
- Can you retell what happened in the story?



## The Croft Primary School Reading at Home



## Helpful hints for making reading fun at home!

Promoting partnership between home,  
school and the community

## Top tips for reading at home

- Make a regular time for reading two or three times a week for about ten minutes.
- Find a comfortable place away from any distractions such as the T.V.
- Let your child know you enjoy the time together.
- Make listening to reading a special time.
- Talk about what is happening in the pictures as there is often a lot more going on in the pictures than in the words.
- Model being a reader yourself and show your child that you enjoy it (Dads especially).



## Top tips for reading at home

- As your child progresses begin talking about the author, characters, plots or what new information has been learnt.
- Print is everywhere! Signs, posters, comics, food packets, newspapers, letters and food packets can make a refreshing change from a story book.
- Try splitting the words up into individual sounds e.g d-u-ck and then blending it together looking for little words in bigger words.

Other ways to engage children as readers include listening to CD stories, visiting the library or a book shop and listening to stories on an iPad or computer.



## How to make reading at home an enjoyable experience

### Reading should never be a chore!

- Always praise your child when there is an opportunity e.g. when children read a sentence correctly or when they correct themselves after a mistake or when they are able to talk to you about the illustrations.
- Try not to criticise when they make a mistake, or show anxiety or frustration.
- If your child particularly enjoys a story and wants to read it with you again - let them! If your child does not like the book you are reading do not persist with it.
- Try not to force the pace. Remember that making mistakes is part of the process of learning to read. What matters is that your child can make sense of what they are reading.

