**Top Tips to Help Your Child with Reading at Home**

How much your child reads at home can make a big difference to how they access the curriculum when at school. Here are five easy tips to try at home.

**1. Read Together Every Day**

Set aside ten to fifteen minutes each day to read with your child. It could be a story, a news article, or even a recipe. The important thing is to make it a regular habit.

**2. Let Your Child Choose**

Give your child a say in what they read. Comics, magazines, or adventure books all count. When they pick the story, they are more likely to enjoy it.

**3. Talk About the Story**

Ensure you pause while reading to ask simple questions: “What do you think will happen next?” or “Why did that character do that?”. Talking helps your child understand the story better.

**4. Show Reading in Everyday Life**

Point out words on signs, food packets, or bus timetables. This shows that reading is useful everywhere, not just in school.

**5. Praise Every Effort**

Celebrate progress, no matter how small. A simple “Well done, you read that tricky word!” builds confidence and makes reading fun.

**6. Reading for Progress**

For older students, find out which novel, play, or non-fiction unit your child is reading in English or other subjects. Keep a copy at home or borrow it from the library so you can revise and ask questions about key chapters, characters, themes, or arguments.