

## **Supporting your child with reading difficulties at home**

Top tips for supporting reading with your child with their school reading book:

- Talk about the title of the book and ask your child what they think it might be about.
- Look through the first few pages and discuss any words you think your child might not understand or be able to read.
- Let your child hold the book.
- Encourage your child to sound out the word, or read to the end of the sentence and re-read and allow 5-10 seconds before supporting them to read a word.
- Tell them any difficult words straight away.
- Ask your child a few questions about the text after every couple of pages.
- Use specific praise with your child e.g. "well done for reading that sentence again to see what would make sense".

## **Free on-line resources to support reading**

- Enjoy your reading time together **Oxford Owl free e book library and other resources – over 200 free books** <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>  
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>
- **Reading Eggs 30- day free trial.** Reading programme for ages 2-13 which contains over 2,500 illustrated books <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>
- **Sounds-Write – Phonics games and activities - free**  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/nzl3codxoyio081/Phonic%20games%20and%20activities%20EC%20free%20resources%20March%202020.pdf?dl=0>
- **Phonics Play - free access to phonic resources as well as free decodable comics**  
<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
<http://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/>
- **Audible are offering free access to some of their children's books while schools are closed.**  
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

- **Literacy Toolbox** - a free home version of an online reading tool which develops reading fluency in children aged 6 – 14 years, who are struggling with reading. To access the 300 or more texts, follow the attached link and select “free home version”.

<http://perceptualliteracy.com>