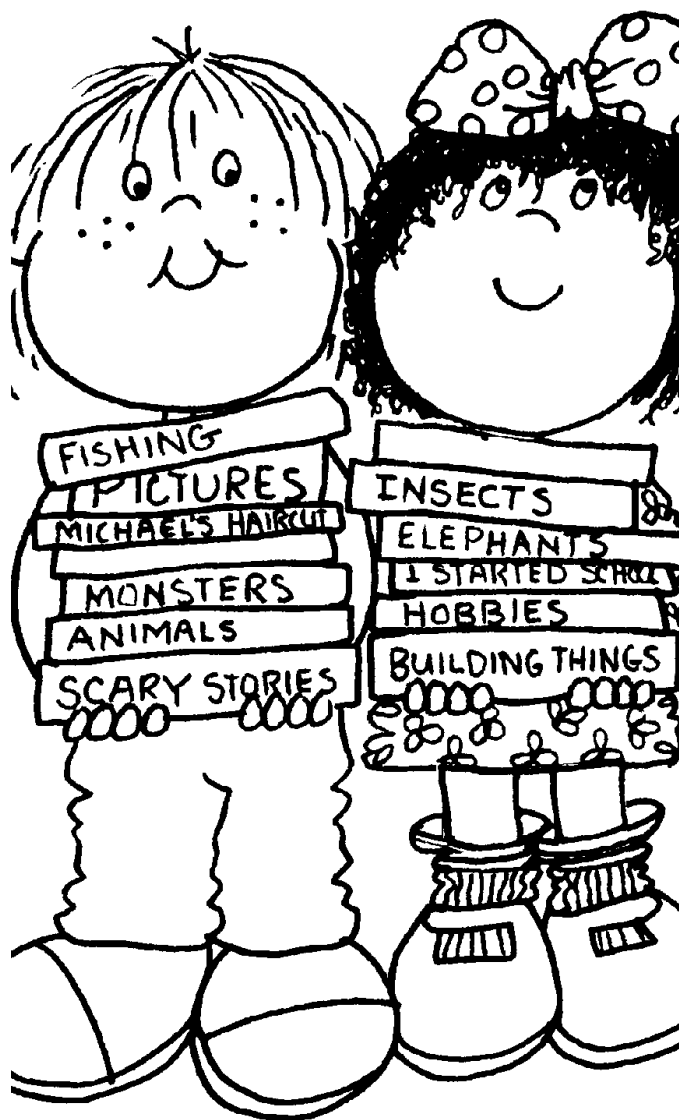
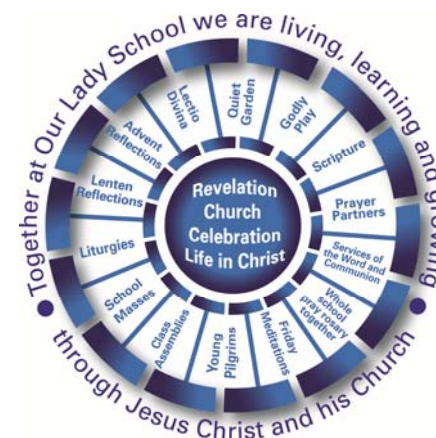


Being a good role model

- Let your child see you enjoy reading - books, magazines, newspapers.
- Share a book at bedtime with your child.
- Visit your local library.
- Look out for letters that your child knows in shop signs, cereal packets, number plates etc.
- Remember to keep enjoying favourite nursery rhymes and traditional tales together.
- Listen to audio books on journeys.
- Leave gaps when you are reading a favourite story so your child fills in the missing word.
- Encourage your child to enjoy books on their own. They might 'read' to their toys or visiting relative.
- Visit Oxford Owl website and share some interactive books with your child.
<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



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Helping your child to read.

This leaflet aims to provide you with strategies to help your child become a successful reader.

Reading with your child is vital. As parents you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to read.

Create a calm reading environment.

- Choose a **regular** time.
- Find somewhere **comfortable**
- **Look** and **sound** positive.
- Switch off the TV.
- Sit **next** to your child.
- Read for 10 – 15 minutes only.
- Make the time **successful**.
- If your child is exhausted read to them.
- Create a **reward** chart for a reluctant reader.
- At the end of the session write a small comment in your child's reading record book. Mention what they did well and what they need to work on. Let your child know what you are writing to ensure consistent communication between you and child's teacher.

Reading the book.

- **Introduce** the book. Talk about the front cover and look through the pictures together.
- Encourage your child to **point** to the words, even if you are reading to them.
- **Talk** about the book whilst your child is reading it and when they have finished.
- Ask **questions** like:
 - * How do you think Floppy is feeling?
 - * Why did he do that?
 - * What do you think will happen next?
- Ask your child if they **enjoyed** the book.
- Let your child read their **favourite** book. It is good practice for them to read the same books over and over.



Some reading strategies to help your children.

- Encourage your child to point to the words as they read.
- Encourage them to **sound out** words, then blend together
c-a-t
cat
- Give them **time** to decode the word.
- **Praise** them for trying hard and let them know it's ok to make mistakes.
- **Repetition** - some words like 'the' and 'you' (*called tricky words*) cannot be sounded out. Your child will learn to recognise these words through reading them again and again.
- If they become frustrated after several attempts at a word, provide the word for them.
- Stay positive.