



Reading at Home in Key Stage 1

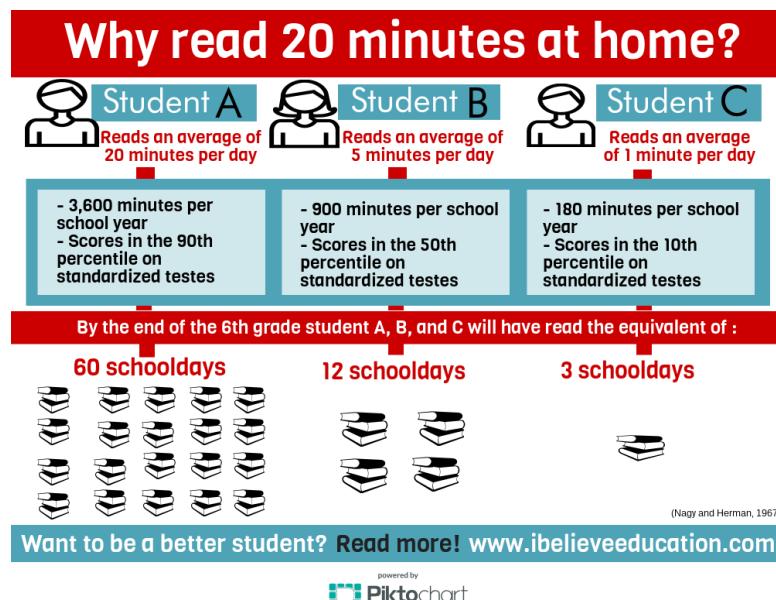


We all know that reading is important for our children but often at the end of a busy day it can be difficult to find time to fit in. At key stage 1, a lot of time is needed to develop strategies for reading new words. This often involves blending the sounds in words to work them out.

To become good readers children need to develop skills in a number of areas, including:

- 1) **Word reading** - using a range of strategies to read an unfamiliar word
- 2) **Retrieving information** - remember what they've read and find information quickly
- 3) **Inference** - reading between the lines using clues from what they've read
- 4) **Summarising** - identifying and using key details to summarise what they've read
- 5) **Language for effect** - thinking about the language the author chose and the effect it had
- 6) **Making links** - connect the story with real life or other books they have read

We encourage the children to read at home a minimum of 3 times a week (but ideally every day). This can have a huge impact over the course of year:



How can I help?

- Listen to your child read as often as possible. While reading together, discuss what you've read and ask your child questions.
- If they don't know the answers, show them how they can work them out.

We are also looking for adults to come into school and listen to children read. Tick below if you would be able to spare an hour (or more) a week to help us improve the children's reading skills (support will be given to all volunteers).

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

I am able to listen to children read at the following times:

| | 9-10:30 | 10:45 – 12:15 | 1:00 – 2:00 | 2:00 – 3:00 |
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