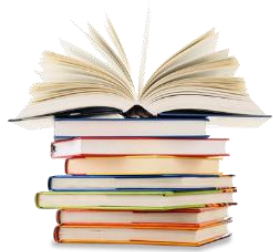
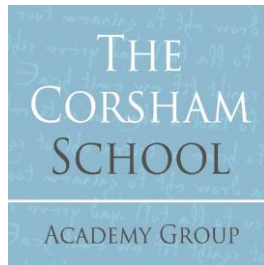


## Encouraging Literacy at Home



“Literacy is about learning to read and write accurately, being able to listen carefully and talk clearly about ideas. There are many opportunities in everyday routines to practise and apply literacy skills in real and meaningful ways.”

### Why reading?

- ❖ Extensive research shows that improving student’s literacy levels can have the single biggest influence on their success and outcomes, both academically and in later life. For example, a student who reads for 20 minutes a day is 90% more likely to score higher on standardised tests than peers.
- ❖ Furthermore, reading develops personal qualities such as empathy, improved well-being and offers insight into a range of different worlds, cultures and perspectives.

### Ideas for encouraging literacy:

- ❖ Read to the student as they follow along, listen to them read aloud or take it in turns!
- ❖ Ask questions about what they are reading, or their Corsham Reads book e.g. What do you like about the story? What do you think will happen next?
- ❖ Model good reading practice and discuss the books that you are reading.
- ❖ Make use of e-books or audio books.
- ❖ Encourage reading the newspaper or articles about a topic of interest.
- ❖ Link books and reading to films at the cinema or video games they know.
- ❖ Keep a reading journal to remember favourite books. Share your recommendations.
- ❖ Share stories to encourage oral literacy e.g. discussing your day.
- ❖ Talk about new words that they discover. Look them up together and encourage using new vocabulary.
- ❖ Encourage any and all writing activities. Students could write diaries, letters, blogs, articles or imaginative pieces like stories, poems and descriptions.

### Ideas for Reluctant Readers

- ❖ Use the ‘Book Trust Book Finder’ to help find your next read (<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>)
- ❖ Try e-books, audiobooks, magazines or articles on a subject of interest. See more of our top tips on the next page!
- ❖ Visit Ms Burn (LRC manager) in the library for help selecting an engaging read.
- ❖ Try games that encourage literacy, such as Night Zoo Keeper ([www.nightzookeeper.com](http://www.nightzookeeper.com))