Ideas to support your child's reading, spelling and writing at home.

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The Three Ps

- PAUSE For 5 seconds
- PROMPT –



- Do they recognise any of the letters in the word and can they say the sounds that go with them?
- Can they break the word up into chunks, for example 'can-dle'?
- Can they try reading again from the start of the sentence, or continue reading the rest of the sentence?
- Are there any clues from the pictures?
- If your child still has troubles with the word after two 'prompts', say it for them and encourage them to move on with their reading, "The word is 'monkey', let's keep going."

PRAISE



- Support your child's reading with positive reinforcement.
- "Your reading is getting so much better, Good work!"

Dialogical Questions

When Turning a page...

1 - Ask an open-ended question

- Who is that?
- Where is the ___?
- What is that character doing?

2 - Repeat or expand the child's responses

- Why did they do that?
- Yes, that's right the caterpillar ate too many sweets!

3 - Follow the child's interest

- Who's your favourite character?
- What's your favourite bit?

4 - Connect to real life

- Have you ever felt like that?
- When was the last time you saw a duck/went to the park?





Paired Writing

Step 1 – Ideas

- •The parent stimulates ideas using questions
- Parent makes notes
- on post itsWhat
- happens next? - Story is constructed

Step 2 – Drafting

- Notes are placed in front of the child.
- •Sequence is written down in

prose

Step 3 – Reading

 Parent reads the draft aloud.

Step 4 – Editing

might need work are highlighted

·Areas that

Spelling is corrected

Step 5 – The Best copy

- •Can be typed up or copied out in neat
- •Can be completed by you or child

Step 6 – Evaluate

- Largely positive
- What are you favourite bits?
- What could you do next time?



📂 Writing a Story Organizer 🍕



SETTING

When? & Where?



CHARACTERS

Who?



PROBLEM

Oh no!



STEPS to SOLVE PROBLEM



SOLUTION Problem Fixed



Middle **Start End**

Wensday Wed-Nes-Day

Cued Spelling

- 1. The intervention would start with your child choosing several words they would like to learn to spell.
- 2. The child and parent then engage in the active learning of these words, including the identification of mnemonic strategies to remember the spelling.
- 3. Parent then writes out the words and the child cues them with the mnemonic strategies they discussed.
- 4. Child then attempts the words and parent cues them with the strategies.
- 5. Child then copies the words whilst saying the cues
- 6. Child then writes the words as quickly as possible on their own.
- 7. The final step is for the child to read through the words they have written.

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Comprehension Questions

Question 1 - Summarising

- Get them to summarise what they read
 - So what happened in the story you read today?
 - Can you explain to me what happened in a sentence?

Question 2 - Question generating;

- Get them to ask you some questions about the book
 - "Now you have to ask me some questions?"
 - "Can you ask me a question about the part we read.
 - And can your question begin with ..."
 - Who
 - Where
 - Why

Question 3 - Clarifying

- Get them to ask you if there's anything they didn't understand.
 - You could say "Is there anything you didn't understand in the book?"

Question 4 - Predicting

What might happen next in the story?

