

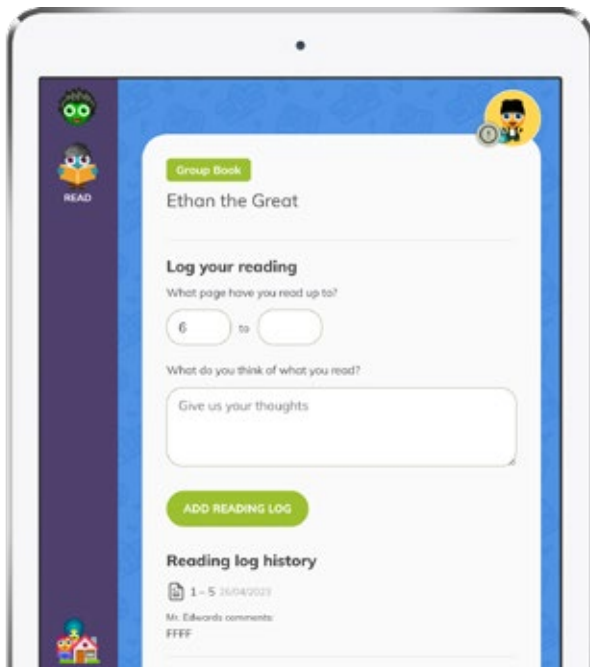
BoomReader - Parental Reading Tips



Enjoy listening to your child read – be their most favourite audience.

You play a crucial role in supporting your child's reading and learning.

With this in mind here are a few tips and tricks to help you enjoy more positive and rewarding reading with your child.

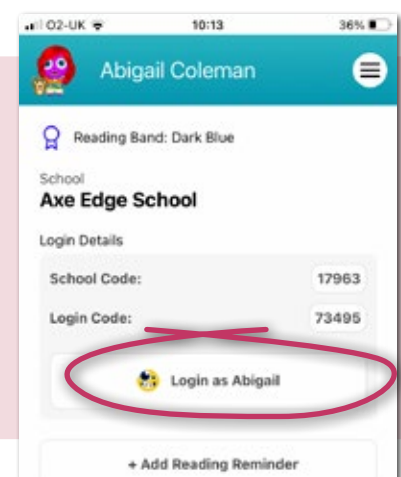


Did you know?

Evidence from the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that effective parental engagement can lead to learning gains of +3 months over the course of a year.

Top Tip: Boomers & Rewards

Use the parent app to log the reading that you do with your child. From the app you can launch the child's view so they can spend their Gems on their Boomer characters and to collect reward cards.



Download the app and find out more at boomreader.co.uk/parents

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Getting the most out of home reading

Did you know?

Listening to your child read is one of the most helpful thing you can do to support their learning. Avoid it seeming like a chore by following some of these handy tips:

- If your child is a reluctant reader mix up the reading routine. Let them read some on their own, joint read where both you and your child read aloud together, take it in turn to read a page or sentence each, provide a larger audience for your child – a pet, some teddies or toy cars can all act as an audience.
- Give your child time to have a go. It is so tempting to hurry them along or finish words for them – if you can, give them time.
- Try to find a quiet time and place – sometimes before bed is not the best time as your child will be tired.
- If you are able find time to read a different book to your child do so, they can hear you model good reading.
- Promote a reading for pleasure culture – if your child sees you reading a book they may want to copy.
- For those children who love crafting – ask them to design and make their own bookmark so they can use it when they are reading.
- Give lots of praise, lots of encouragement and take an interest in what they are reading.
- Use the BoomReader app to log what page your child has read to. If you are able to, log a comment or any problem words your child comes across – it will support the class-teacher to help your child further.
- Your child may need to use the illustrations to help them identify a word or understand the setting.
- Encourage children to use their phonic knowledge refer to the scheme your child's school use (if you are unsure this should be on the school's website or you could ask your child's teacher)



Ask questions when listening to them read.

Ask your child questions about the text. As well as some fun interaction, this will help to build their understanding of the story, not just reading the individual words.

Here are some sample questions you can use and adapt to help you get started...

- Before reading to me, can you remember what happened previously?
- What colour was the *dog*?
- How do you know it was a *windy day* as it doesn't say it was *windy*?
- Can you think of another word the author could have used instead of *happy*?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Can you think of a book that we have read before that has a similar meaning/ character/setting?
- How was the character feeling at the start? How are they feeling at the end?
- What punctuation has the author used on page ___?



Logging comments on BoomReader

There are no right or wrong things to put. Keep the comment focussed on reading – it is not a platform to discuss behaviour or issues raised from the school day – the school will have other ways for you to report these things.

Example comments

- _____ was happy to read to day.
- _____ was reluctant to read today but did so.
- Read enthusiastically. I had to ask them to slow down at times.
- Was able to use their phonics to work out the trickier words.
- Didn't remember the 'sh' sound in fish

Problem words

If your child comes across words that they are unable to read, note them down in the Problem Word section – your child's teacher can refer back to them in class and will also be able to build a picture if several words with similar spelling patterns are proving tricky.

Adding reading

BoomReader enables you to add books, magazines or newspapers that they have read at home. Do add these to your child's log - Their class teacher will be interested to know what your child is reading at home.

If you are able to comment on how your child has read it will support your child's teacher in accurately assessing your child's attitude to reading outside of school.

