

As your child becomes a more proficient reader, it needs to move into another phase of development - one of analysis and retrieval and use of information it acquires. In every subject your child studies at a later date they need to be able to handle information with ease.

### **Here are some ways you might help a more proficient reader to develop:**

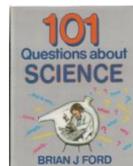
- Encourage your child to read a range of text i.e. papers, comics, poetry, non-fiction.



- Discuss information and read regularly with your child. Just because they are independent readers they still need to read with you for discussion and comprehension.

- Still find time to listen to your child read. Ask questions about the text:
  - How does the author create a scary atmosphere?
  - How does the author develop the character?

- What type of book is this?



- Ask the child to illustrate the story or design a cover.



- Discuss authors.

- Try not to criticise your child's reading. Remember build up your child's confidence by praising their efforts.

- Never get angry if your child gets stuck.

- Share and value all reading material.

- It is important that your child sees you reading. Children learn by example.



- If your child has a piece of research to carry out, help them sort out the main points of information. If necessary you scribe their main understanding of what they have learnt. Copying the text is not a skill of reading.

- Make use of the computer as a means of retrieving information but ensure you check the use of the programmes. As with a book the child must sort out the main points and not just present a printed out piece of text as a piece of work.



The key to parental support is that it is undertaken on a regular basis. A daily short session is more beneficial than a long session once a week.

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