



**Developing Confident, Enthusiastic
and Happy Learners**

LOOK, LISTEN, TALK

**READING WITH YOUR CHILD
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Reading at home is important. At school, we will teach your child **how** to read. We will encourage them to read challenging books. We will support them in reading text-books so they can learn more about different subjects. However, we need **you** to help your child develop a love of reading. This will help them when they have to read more difficult books throughout their education, and also with all the reading they will need for the rest of their lives. Sharing books with your child at home is the best way to help them enjoy reading and to improve their reading skills. At Kingsway Junior School, we have developed a simple home-reading strategy called **Look, Listen, Talk**.

WHAT IS LOOK, LISTEN, TALK?

Three simple steps to remember when you share reading time with your child. A way to **structure** reading time with your child – no matter what their reading ability.

FIRST – try and find a regular slot of quality-time to read with your child. Every day is best but even two or three times a week will have an impact. Keep away from distractions as much as possible – television, computer.

GETTING READY

If you are looking at a new book, look through the pictures or read the blurb. Chat about what might happen in the story and what sort of book this might be.

If you are re-reading a book or continuing a longer book, recap together what the story is about (pictures can help as a reminder) or for longer books, how far you have got with the story.

LOOK

Look at the book with your child as they read. You can fill in any tricky words and explain what they mean. This will help the reading to continue without interruptions and develop fluency in reading.

LISTEN

Listen to the story as your child reads. Follow what is happening in the story and **react** to the story. This will show your child that you are interested in their reading and enjoying your time reading together.

TALK

Save a few minutes at the end of your reading time to talk about what your child has just read. They have been busy reading the words but how much have they understood? Asking questions and talking about the story will help your child to understand what they have been reading – a tricky and important skill.