



Reading Enjoyment!



We sometimes forget to celebrate the importance of reading as a pleasurable activity in its own right, not just as a means to learning. We should aim to make reading fun, by inspiring children to read **and read and read.....**

Some tips to make reading enjoyable.....

- ◆ **Make reading part of your daily routine.** Set aside a time when you know you won't be rushed. Reading with your child should be a pleasurable daily activity
- ◆ **At roughly the same times each day.** Before school or in the holidays, in the morning, after bath time, straight after tea... whenever you choose, it's important your child knows when to expect story time. You can always set different times for when you read to them and when they read to you.
- ◆ **Let your child be your guide!** Ten to fifteen minutes of reading together is usually long enough, unless they ask for more or wish to read on.



- ◆ **A special place is best.** Choose your biggest, comfiest armchair or sofa. Or set up a reading corner with rugs and cushions, a quiet corner of the garden or snuggled under the doona. Your child needs to feel happy and settled to enjoy the story or concentrate on the words.
- ◆ **Somewhere with no distractions!** Switch off the TV, put your mobile on silent, turn off the technology.
- ◆ **The back-up team.** Make learning to read a real family affair. Enlist the help of nan and granddad, older brothers, sisters, cousins – and make it fun!
- ◆ **Be a fantastic role model.** Children naturally copy what they see their parents doing, so read, read, read! It doesn't matter whether it's books, magazines, newspapers, footie results, recipes, e-mails or instruction manuals – you'll be showing your child that reading is enjoyable and useful in the wider world, not just in school.

Place this postcard where you can see it.... on the fridge or where you would usually spend time reading with your child. Most of all have fun reading!

For more information on reading with your child visit the Tinana SS website:

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