## Ways to support my child's reading

My Year 2 child is learning to	How I can support them?
develop a love and enjoyment of reading a range of texts develop the motivation to read	Find time to share and talk about books at home.  Read to <b>them</b> at home - little and often is key.  Be a reading role model - find time to read in front of your child - books, magazines, audio books
continue to use their phonics skills to decode words until this becomes automatic and they develop fluency	Encourage them to spot 'special friends, Fred Talk, read the word' for words they are unsure of.  Break longer words into chunks (these are called multisyllabic words—words with more than one part to them)
read with increased fluency (speed) and accuracy	Encourage your child to read their reading book more than once so that they can read it more accurately and fluently the next time.
retell stories and think about events that took place and characters involved	Talk about books they read to you AND books you read to them  Ask them to retell texts they are learning in their Talk for Writing lessons in school  -what were the characters called/like?  -what happened after that?
make inferences about the thoughts and feel- ings of characters and reasons for actions	Ask questions as you share books - how do you thinkis feeling now? - what will they do next? -why do you say that?

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'Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading; children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued (Clark and Rumbold, 2006) '