

Supporting Independent Readers

If your child is at the stage that they are happily reading independently you still have a role to play in helping them to develop as an adult reader!

1. Talk about books

Share your own reading habits with your child. Discuss books and other reading materials (such as newspapers) that you have enjoyed and make recommendations. Much teenage fiction, such as the Hunger Games or Life of Pi, is made into films which you can enjoy watching together, allowing your child to share what they are reading with you easily.

2. Ask questions about what they are reading

Asking questions helps you to ensure your child fully understands what they are reading and can help them to develop understanding. A list of questions to aid understanding can be found [here](#). However, any discussion about a book is valuable. Ask your child if they are enjoying the book they are reading, what they do/don't like about it, what they think will happen and what they think of the characters.

3. Guide their reading choices

Many children are unsure about how to look for new reading material. Some suggestions on good books can be found [here](#), and the Carnegie award winners are always good books <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk>

Boys in particular can be very difficult to find books for. A list of 'boy friendly' fiction can be found [here](#).

4. Encourage reading success through the AR programme