



RECIPE for a READER

The #yuMMMy Ingredients

1. Motivation



Songs, rhymes, stories and books are essential from birth onwards! Daily sharing of books encourages a love of language and a curiosity about words and the world around us. Listening to and discussing stories improves children's vocabularies, their empathy for others, and fires their imaginations. (If children are reluctant readers, it is often because they are experiencing difficulty with the mechanics of reading, the meaning of what they're reading - or both.)

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What does it mean? What do the words say? The whole point of reading is to understand the writer's message. Ultimately, comprehension depends on our knowledge, of both the words on the page, and the subject in question. Developing children's general knowledge and a rich oral vocabulary is essential - and of course, reading, along with high quality listening and talking, is the easiest way to improve both of these!

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2. Meaning



3. Mechanics



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To be confident, fluent, motivated readers, children need to read or 'decode' text accurately and 'lift the words off the page' easily. Current international research shows that the most effective way to teach all children to read, write and spell (including strugglers and those with dyslexia) is through rigorous Systematic Synthetic Phonics. This can be taught in daily, fun, fit-for-purpose sessions from 5 years old. For best results, and to enable children to apply their skills and experience success, decodable reading books and materials should be used within a rich and varied language environment.

Being literate unlocks learning and reading for pleasure; the benefits of reading last a lifetime.