

Reading at Western House Academy is something we are all passionate about, from Got Caught Reading Competitions to dressing up for World Book Day, it is at the heart of everything we do.

Parents often ask us how they can help at home, so Mrs Irvine has made a 'how to' ([doc](#)) video. This helps parents understand what to ask when listening to your child read.

The question sheet is attached ([doc](#)) but please do not ask all of the questions every night. The 3 main factors to becoming a confident and successful reader are:

1. Reading regularly - Reception to Year 2 should read every day to achieve their full potential. If your child struggles with reading beyond year 2, then daily reading is very important.
2. Read a variety of genres - some children love stories, some love facts. To ensure they are able to read confidently, read everything that is suitable. Road signs, labels in shops and both fiction and non fiction.
3. Sound it out - often children will panic about a word and will give up then ask for help. When we tell them what the word is, they are far less likely to remember it than they are if we encourage them to sound it out. See Mrs Irvine's video.

As always, if you are worried about any aspects of your child's reading, please ask the class teacher.