



Helping Your Child Succeed at Home

A quick guide for parents/carers in supporting Cwmtawe's Literacy provision at home

- 1. Read with your child** (take turns reading sections of a text). This will help them to improve their pronunciation of words and will also help them with words they are struggling with. Pupils will often want to re-read a text they've heard read aloud to them.
- 2. Make sure your child has access to a variety of reading material:** books, eBooks (log in to Rapid Plus at home), newspapers, magazines, biographies, blogs, comic books etc.
- 3. Adopt our Reciprocal Reading approach:** Question your child on what's happened in the text, get them to ask the characters questions, ask them to summarise the events in the text, ask them to clarify what certain words in the text mean, ask them to clarify the meaning of specific sentences etc.
- 4. Be a model reader:** it is beneficial for your child to see you reading for pleasure/different purposes.
- 5. Return to a favourite:** allow your child to return a favourite/easier book from time to time. This allows them to relax and enjoy reading.
- 6. Reading for information:** encourage your child to use the internet/library to find/gain information on a topic, uncover answers to questions they have, broaden their knowledge on current affairs etc.
- 7. Encourage reading before bed:** not only does this introduce a routine but it also helps them relax and unwind.
- 8. Encourage activities that require reading:** reading the shopping list, cooking (reading a recipe), reading directions or helping with DIY (reading instructions/manual).
- 9. Revise the sounds/word families** e.g. 'ee', 'ie', 'oo' – this will help with reading and spelling. Use www.spellzone.com to create word pattern revision lists.
- 10.** When revising for spelling tests, **use Cwmtawe's Spelling Strategies** to help your child learn their target words.