

Chalfont St Peter Infant School

Your child is reading Copper, Topaz or Ruby level books.

Children read silently with confidence and perseverance. These books offer a wide variety of longer, demanding texts, usually with around 30 - 50 pages and chapters.

Word Level Targets

- To identify and discuss any new words in texts
- To infer meaning of unknown words from context
- To find a range of prefixes and suffixes to construct the meaning of words in context

Sentence Level Targets

- To read aloud with intonation and expression, taking account of a wider range of punctuation
- Use knowledge of how commas, connectives and full stops are used to join and separate clauses to maintain
- fluency and understanding.

Text Level Targets

- Understand narrative order and chronology
- Know how style and vocabulary are linked to the purpose of the text
- Makes use of non-fiction features to scan and assess for relevance to purpose
- Identify and discuss issues locating evidence in text
- Respond critically
- Distinguish between fact and opinion and recognise point of view
- Reads silently and for more sustained period
- Describe own reading habits
- Takes part in group discussions and evaluates specific texts

Here are some ways you can help your child at home:

Your child may not want to read aloud to you so often now because they probably enjoy silent reading more. This is fine as long as your child continues to read actively when they are not reading aloud and does not just skim over the words.

You can help them by: -

- Continuing to make a time available for regular quiet reading sessions, and reading your book while your child reads.
- Asking them to choose a part of the text to read aloud, using expression and pausing in suitable places.
- Having a conversation at the end of each reading session: can they tell you what's happening in their book?
- Asking questions which make your child go back to the book to find answers -support them as they develop skills in skimming and scanning to find the information to answer your question.
- Continuing to read aloud to your child at bedtime. This shows them the importance you place on reading as well as developing their language, vocabulary and love of story.