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Top 10 Transition Reading Tips

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go" Dr Seuss.

1. Reality bites!

Make clear connections with your child between their ability to read and future options in life. If your child is considering their career path and college, have open and honest conversations with them about how reading might be necessary for success. There are some wonderful role models who have struggled but persevered.

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2. The power of choice

Research has shown that the biggest driver in reading for pleasure is choice and the will to read. Letting your child choose is the best way to encourage them, whether it's a comic book, graphic novel, the latest netflix adaptation in book form or a weighty classic, you might not love the books your child is drawn to but don't discourage these preferences. Reading is reading.

3. Model Reading

A tried and tested tip - one of the best ways to create a culture of reading for your child is to allow them to see you reading. Children are even more resistant to any message that implies do as I say not as I do. When our children see us regularly read, the more likely they are to do the same.

4. Find Time

Regularly reading yourself can be incredibly difficult with all the other responsibilities, finding a way that suits your family is absolutely worthwhile, whether it's listening to a chapter of an audio book in the car every time your child needs a lift somewhere, or talking about your favourite stories over a grabbed breakfast at the weekend. Consider what time you have as a family and make it a regular habit.

5. Talk about reading and stories

Reading a short paragraph together and then discussing what you've read helps keep children motivated.

6. Resist the urge to criticize

Being tolerant and encouraging your child to read whatever that form it takes is incredibly empowering.

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7. Series Section

In our library we have a series section so that students can clearly see all the series we have available. Readers who get hooked on the first book of a series can follow the same characters and themes through many more books. The familiarity of the series can reduce the negative feelings associated with starting a new reading task and make it easier to understand the text.

8. Passionate Readers

Connect reading to your child's passion.

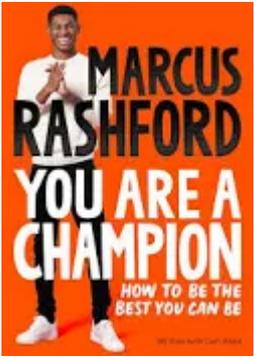
9. Keep Reading Current

Tie reading to current events whether through a newspaper or sporting fixtures, celebrities or music there will always be something to read on these topics.

10. Trust the process

Whether your child is an avid reader and devours every page or reluctant to even pick up a book, notice their reading habits, and how they identify as a reader, this will allow you to be part of their learning journey and thriving experience of education. Start where they are, share stories with them, ask us for advice based on your child's individual needs.

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

		
<p>The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow. A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within.</p>	<p>When Secrets Set Sail by Sita Brahmachari. A magical and moving adventure story about unlocking stories and secrets of the past.</p>	<p>You are a Champion by Marcus Rashford and Carl Anka. The famous footballer shows how you can achieve your dreams, in this positive and inspiring guide for life.</p>