



At Belsay Primary School, we believe that developing reading fluency is crucial for your child's academic success and lifelong love of reading. Reading fluency is the ability to read a text accurately, quickly, and with proper expression. It serves as a bridge between word recognition and comprehension, allowing children to engage with texts more meaningfully.

## Why Is Reading Fluency Important?

1. **Enhances Comprehension:** Fluent readers can focus on understanding the meaning of the text rather than struggling with decoding words. This allows for deeper engagement with the material and better retention of information.
2. **Builds Confidence:** As children become more fluent readers, their confidence grows. They are more likely to participate in discussions, share ideas, and express their thoughts about what they have read.
3. **Encourages a Love for Reading:** When children can read fluently, they often find joy in reading. This enjoyment can lead to increased reading practice, which further improves their skills and fosters a lifelong habit of reading.
4. **Supports Academic Achievement:** Reading fluency is linked to overall academic performance. Students who read well are more likely to excel in other subjects, as many areas of learning require strong reading skills.

## How Can You Help at Home?

1. **Daily Reading:** Encourage your child to read every day, whether it's books, magazines, or online articles. Set aside time for shared reading, where you can read together and discuss the story.
2. **Choose Appropriate Materials:** Help your child select texts that are interesting but also at the right level of difficulty. This ensures they are challenged but not overwhelmed.
3. **Model Fluent Reading:** Read aloud to your child regularly. This demonstrates fluent reading and introduces them to varied vocabulary and sentence structures.
4. **Practice Repeated Reading:** Encourage your child to re-read familiar texts. This builds confidence and enhances fluency as they become more familiar with the words.

## At Belsay Primary School:

We provide various resources and programs designed to enhance reading fluency, including guided reading sessions, phonics instruction, and reading challenges. Our dedicated teachers are committed to helping each child reach their full potential.

## Let's Work Together:

By fostering a supportive reading environment at home and at school, we can help our children become confident, fluent readers. If you have any questions or would like more resources, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.