

Creating A Reading Culture

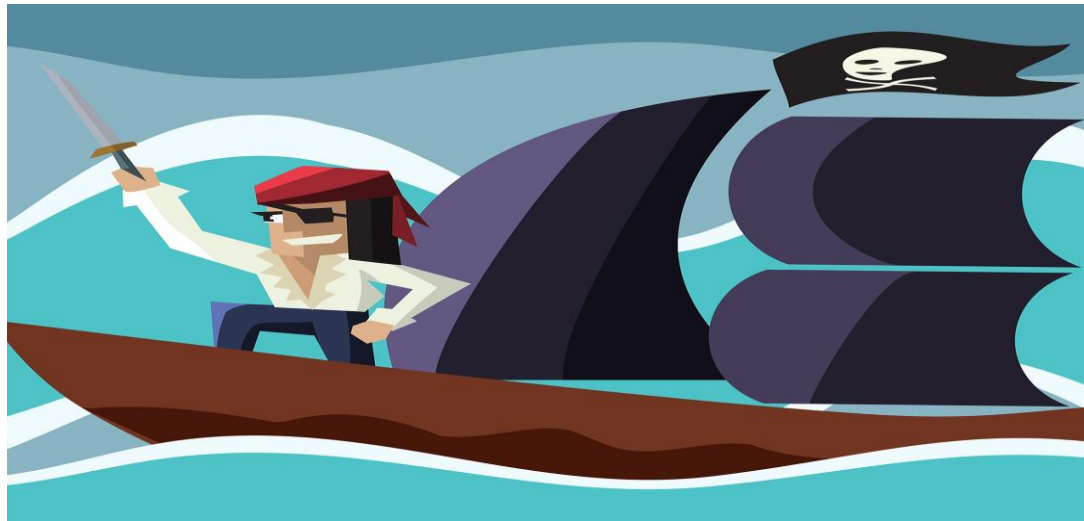


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Why children struggle with reading?

Activity Time



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Why children struggle to read?

- Disrupted schooling and poor attendance
 - Illness, lack of parental involvement, transport problems, poverty, food insecurity, poor school facilities, crime, poor learner educator relationships
- Medical problems
 - Hearing problems
 - Sight problems
 - Special needs
 - Learning disorders
- Home environments
 - Not nurturing an environment conducive to early literacy
 - Children not getting enough sleep and food
 - Access to resources
 - No reading role model
 - Lack of story telling and reading activities by parents

**LEADS TO LOW
SELF ESTEEM**

What do children need in order to learn?

- Time
- Opportunity to learn at their own pace
- One-on-one help
- Patience and understanding
- Chance to keep trying until they get it right
- Praise for trying and for when they get it right
- Relevant and inspiring resources
- Interest in the subject
- Motivation
- To stop when they have had enough
- To make ~~mistakes~~ Mistakes
- Encouragement
- **Fun and enjoyment**

What is a Reading Culture?

A Learned Practice of
Seeking Knowledge,
information or
entertainment through
the written word.

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How do we cultivate a Reading Culture?

- Involve : Talking – Volume of words
- Inspire : Be Seen
- Choice: Unstructured time /Variety of resources / Child –led
- Books! And More Books!
- Enjoy Reading Together!



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Our Golden Rules

- One-to-one
- Outside the classroom
- Child-led
- 30 minutes, twice a week



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- Combination of activities, not just reading
- help2read Book Box
- 1-6 children
- 1 year commitment

What does a help2read session look like?



What does a reading session involve?

- Choosing books and games
- Reading and checking for understanding
- Looking at letters, sounds and words
- Playing games
- Talking
- Encouragement and Praise



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What are some practical solutions for your School?

- A holistic understanding of the link between reading and school achievements
- A vision for the school's Reading Culture
- A shared understanding of the vision
- Reinforcing the reading culture and exemplifying engaged readers constantly
- Prioritizing the library, it's resources, services and programmes



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What are some practical ideas for your class?

- Maximise your existing reading groups
 - ✓ Extending your day by 15-20 min to avoid rushing through reading activities
 - ✓ Different ability groups taking turns to spend this special time with teacher
- Shared reading (CAPS)- from requirement to daily practice.
 - ✓ End each day with shared reading
 - ✓ Read to your learners(animated/fun)
 - ✓ Ask learners to volunteer to read



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What are some practical ideas for your class?

- Mini Libraries in class –Exciting story books
- Favourite Book Day
- Book clubs with book reviews
- Drop everything and read anything (Teacher too)



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