



## What can you do to help?

- Show an interest in your child's reading, and encourage him/her to read the books he/she brings home each day
- Make sure your child is in school every day if possible, so that he/she does not miss any Reading Recovery lessons
- Try to come in to watch your child have a lesson
- Help your child to make up the sentence puzzle
- Give your child opportunities to write e.g. greeting cards, post cards, holiday scrap books



## Reading Recovery and your child

### Information for parents, carers and guardians



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## What is Reading Recovery?

Reading Recovery helps children aged about six who are not finding it easy to learn to read and write. Children who have not picked up the skills from classroom teaching will often get confused or feel scared about reading, and can start to fall behind their classmates.

Your child's school has arranged for a teacher to have special training to work with children who need extra help.

The Reading Recovery teacher will create a tailor-made programme for your child, to build upon what he/she knows and understands.

The one-to-one lessons (one short lesson every day, for about two terms) will bring your child's reading up to the average level for his/her age, boosting his/her confidence and enjoyment of learning.

**“Before, he was frightened to death to look at a book - couldn't do it. Didn't want to know. Now he's very confident - if there's a word he doesn't know he'll have a go at it.” Parent**

**“My granddaughter who lives with me was on the Reading Recovery programme. When she started she didn't have a lot of confidence, could only recognise a few words and could only read a few words. Now, after doing the programme she has changed so much. She has now got confidence by the bucket load and her reading has amazed me.” Grandparent**

## What will your child do in Reading Recovery?

- Build a range of skills for reading
- Learn to read for pleasure and for meaning using books the child has read two or three times, and practising newly learned skills
- Learn how to compose short stories and how to spell words in sentences
- Learn new words, and how to use letters and sounds to build words
- Each day he/she will bring home a book to read with you and a sentence puzzle game

## At the end of the lessons?

After Reading Recovery your child should have caught up with his/her classmates, and be able to continue to learn at a normal rate of progress from classroom teaching, without the need of extra support.

The Reading Recovery teacher will keep in contact with your child after the programme is completed, to make sure that he/she is still making progress and keeping up with his/her classmates.