



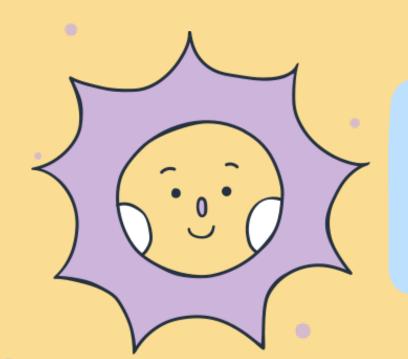
FLUENCY TOOLKIT





WHAT IS FLUENCY?

Reading fluency is the ability to read with speed, accuracy and proper expression. It is made up of the following components: automaticity (rapid word reading without conscious decoding), accuracy (words read accurately - typically measured as a percentage) and prosody (expressive, phrased reading).



HPF TOOLKIT

We have developed a toolkit of strategies for staff to use to support children to improve their fluency.





WHAT ARE THE STRATEGIES?

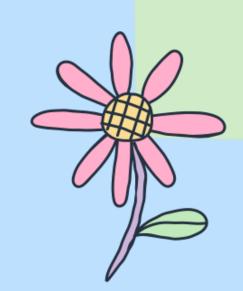




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Choral

Phrase marking



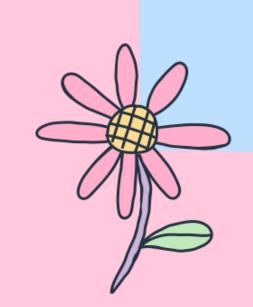
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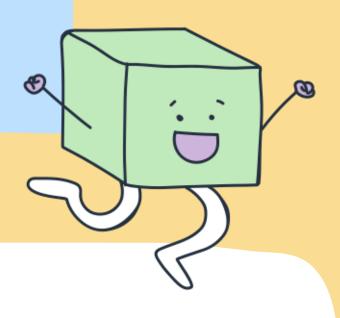


Performance

Modelling



ECHO READING

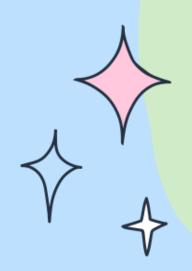




- Teaches prosody (rhythm, stress, and intonation of speech).
- Provides important information beyond a sentence's literal word meaning.
- Develops children as an expressive reader.
- Shows them how they should sound when they read out loud.



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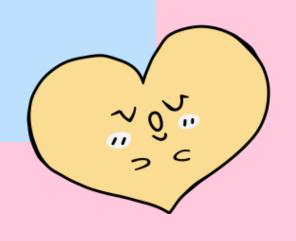




- Read a short segment of text (sentence or short paragraph) for children to echo back.
- Model with prosody.
- Use a predictable or patterned book.
- Use your finger to track so children can see what to follow.



CHORAL READING

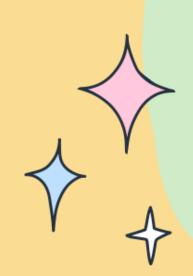




- Helps children build their fluency, self-confidence and motivation in reading.
- Provides a model of fluency.
- Improves sight word recognition.
- Allows practise and support.
- Enjoyable and motivating for children.



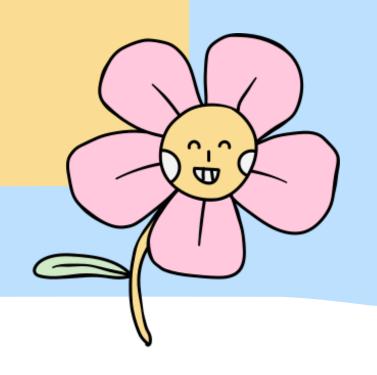
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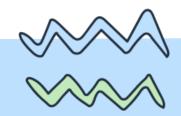
- Read aloud, in unison, with the whole class or group of children.
- Texts should be of an appropriate level.
- Texts should ideally have dialogue, rhythm and rhyme.
- Text should be short in length.
- Each reader should have a copy of the text.

PHRASE MARKING





- Teaches children to recognise the natural pauses that occur between phrases in their reading.
- Enhances children's comprehension of the text.
- Conveys the meaning and use of your voice.
- Appropriate phrasing marks the phrase boundaries in speech.



PHRASE MARKING

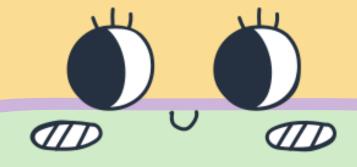




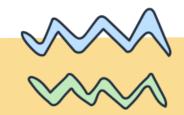
- Mark a short text with slashes one slash for within sentence phrase breaks and two slashes for longer pauses.
- Model to the children with extra emphasis on the phrasing of the text.
- Children then have a go themselves, in groups or independently, before reading the text again without the markings.

REPEATED READING



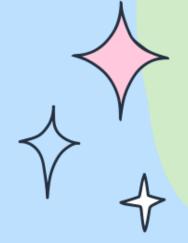


- Improves reading ability.
- Supports children who have phonics skills but can't apply these skills fluently when reading.
- Develops decoding automaticity with struggling readers.



REPEATED READING

How?

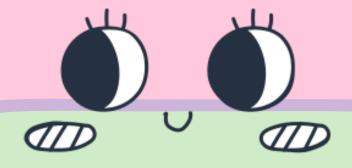




• Ask children to read aloud a short text passage (50-200 words) repeatedly until they reach the expected speed and accuracy for their age.

PERFORMANCE





- Leads to engagement in and enjoyment of reading.
- Also improves reading comprehension.



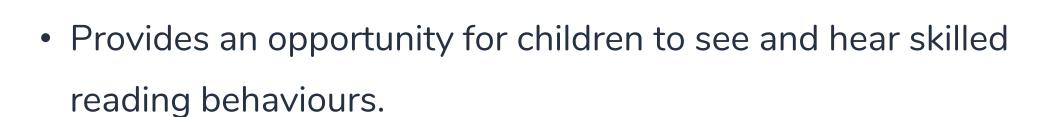
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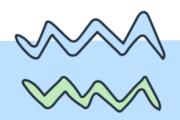
- Choose a book with memorable and repeated language or refrains that can be acted out with gestures, sound effects, props and voices.
- Read the text aloud to the children and model the use of gestures, sound effects, etc.
- Encourage children to participate during the reading and repeated readings of the text and act it out as they discuss it.

MODELLED THINKING





- Through this high level scaffolding, children begin to imitate and internalise the modelled reading strategies.
- Children gradually experience success and independence.



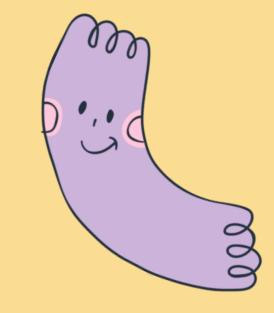
MODELLED THINKING





- When reading to children, model fluency, phrasing and intonation.
- Model adapting reading strategies to gain meaning from different text types.
- Model self-correction strategies.
- Also useful when teaching comprehension skills (e.g. thinking aloud when making predictions).







ANY QUESTIONS?



