



Cottingley  
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Primary School

# A Parent's Guide to Reading at Home



Collins  
**BIG CAT**



Year 2

# Before Reading

## Pre-Read

- Warm-up by reading the GPCs (sounds), words and tricky words on the back of the front cover. Also check for understanding by reading new vocabulary.
- Ask them to look at the front cover and predict what the book is about. Bring the real world into the reading moment by asking them, have they ever seen a .... or do you remember when we went to ....
- Enjoying a book together is an important part of your child becoming a reader for life!

## Reading the book

- Now ask your child to read their book. Tap-in and listen as they read.

- Your child should be reading their book without your help. If they can't read a difficult word, remind them to blend the sounds together to read the word. If they still cannot read it, read it to them.

## Check understanding

- Ask questions about what has happened in the book so far. Ask them to predict what might happen next or how the story will end.
- Once finished ask them to re-read the book to develop their confidence and early fluency.
- Remind your child to use their prosody voice when reading. Model reading with expression and ask them to have a go at reading with expression.