



Dear Parents

Bud-e Reading is designed to begin children on the road to 'reading for themselves'. It is very important that your child's first steps on this journey should not be overwhelming or too challenging. Bud-e Reading is a series of books that will guide, teach, encourage and entertain your child.

In order for children to begin reading, they will need to recognise automatically many small words such as *a, the, here, is, to*. These words need to be committed to their memory bank. Bud-e reading is designed to help them do just this. The books are numbered 1 to 60 and they are especially designed to be used in this order. You will find this number on the cover.

When you open the book you will find a very simple text. Turn the page and you will see that the important word for your child to learn is repeated on every page. Look again at the book and this time study the illustrations. The illustrations tell the story and, yes, in every book something happens — there is a story told in visuals.

Now look at every page again. You will see a panel with questions you could ask your child about the story. It is very important to ask the right questions and to get your child to think and talk. This panel is a guide for you.

Flick to the back of the book. You will see the word (or words) your child can practise writing. Arrows show how to form the letters correctly. It is important that your child can not only read the word, but write it too, in the correct way.

No doubt you will be reading many stories to your children. This is so important to do every day. The Bud-e books are not for parents to read aloud — they are for children to read themselves. We hope the books will help your children gain confidence and great satisfaction as they build their bank of high-frequency words and begin down the reading road. But of utmost importance while doing this is that they view reading as a happy, joyful experience.

Best wishes


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