

Reasons to read to your children for 20 minutes every day

Reading aloud builds vocabulary which is linked to higher marks in school

Reading aloud improves concentration, which is important for school

Reading aloud gives you different topics of conversation

Reading aloud exposes children to complex sentence structures, which will be used in school

Reading aloud builds general knowledge, which is important for comprehension and being a well-rounded person

Reading aloud fosters imagination, which is important for story writing

Reading aloud strengthens the parent-child bond

TOP TIP

PICTURE WALKS ARE A GREAT WAY TO START A BOOK: FLICK THROUGH AND LOOK AT THE PICTURES, TALK ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AND THEN START READING.

20 minutes per day = 1.8 million words, 86 hours per year and 861 hours of reading by Year 6

5 minutes per day = 282 000 words, 21 hours per year and 212 hours of reading by Year 6

1 minute per day = 8000 words, 4 hours per year and 42 hours of reading by Year 6

