

## The Reluctant Reader

- If you have a reluctant reader at home keep an eye out for **High Interest, Low level** books. There are many publishers who have a range of these books. They aim to include carefully controlled vocabulary and simple sentence structure and are designed to engage older, but less confident readers. **Barrington Stoke** is one such publisher and their books have an interest age of about ten years with reading ages from 6.5 to 8 years.
- The Dorling Kindersley range of readers, **DK readers**, are very appealing and have many topics that children might be interested in. You can ask your local library if they stock them and check what they have in terms of books for reluctant readers (it's a genre in its own right).
- The **Read it yourself with Ladybird** series are based on traditional stories that children are already familiar with and sometimes this familiarity can give children a bit of confidence when practising their reading. This series offers repetition of sight words and clear, simple sentences.
- The **Dr Seuss** readers (Fox in Sox, Green eggs and Ham, Hop on Pop, One fish two fish, The Cat in the Hat, The Cat in the Hat Comes Back and more) are also worth a look as they are all rhyming and full of fun and mischief and children usually love them!
- The library may also have a series of graded readers that are typically used in schools such as the Oxford or Usborne programmes. From the **Oxford Reading Tree** the **Floppy's Phonics Non-fiction** range might appeal to younger readers up to first class.
- The key is really that children can enjoy books and stories and this includes being read to as well as reading independently.