

### When your child gets stuck:-

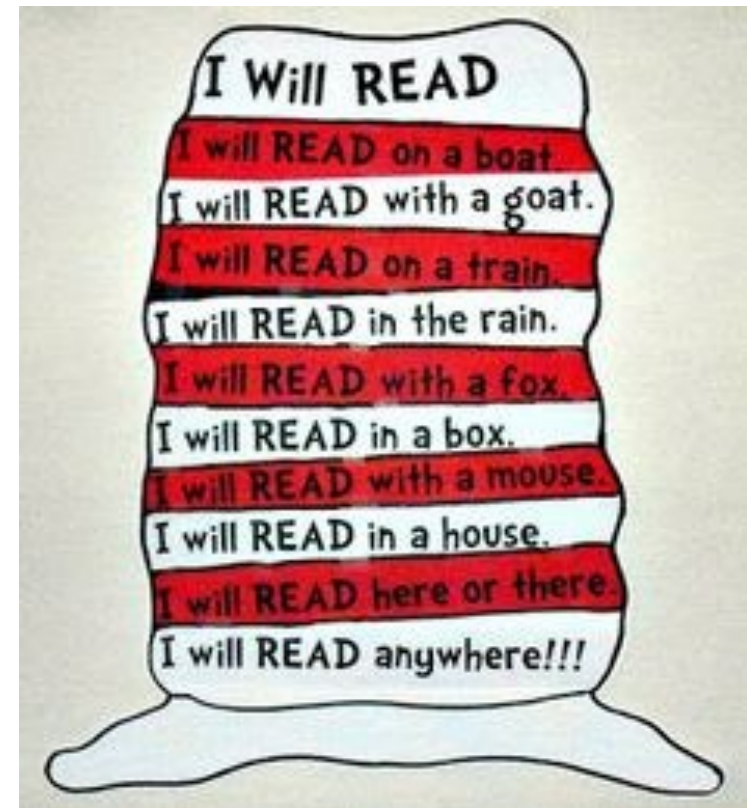
- ◇ Miss out the word and read to the end of the sentence.
- ◇ Does it look right ?
- ◇ Does it make sense?
- ◇ Use the pictures if appropriate..
- ◇ Say the first sound if it is an unfamiliar word.
- ◇ Break the word into smaller parts.
- ◇ Find smaller words in compound words like raincoat or bumblebee.
- ◇ Ask a friend.

Remember we can't always use our phonics skills to de-code unknown vocabulary. Maintain the flow and allow opportunity for your child to self-correct.

Don't worry that a book is too easy remember...

**'Nothing succeeds like success'**

## The Power of Reading



As parents you are your child's most influential teacher with a vital part to play in helping your child not only learn to read but become an avid and accomplished reader.

*Studies show that reading a variety of literature by the age of 15 is the biggest single indicator of future success.*

- ◇ *Make reading visible have books available..*
- ◇ *Share books every day. Make reading enjoyable.*
- ◇ *Boys need to see that reading is something men do.*
- ◇ *Sit and listen, don't do other things. Choose a quiet time.*
- ◇ *Talk about the books.*
- ◇ *Ask questions about the text.*
- ◇ *Respect their choices but encourage variety.*
- ◇ *Be positive..*
- ◇ *Visit the library.*

*Reading with children 6/7 times a week can increase their reading age by up to 12 months.*

- ◇ *Introduce your children to different types of books; classic fiction, chapter books, short stories, joke books, poetry and non-fiction.*
- ◇ *Read them a book that was your favourite.*
- ◇ *Read with expression using funny or different voices for characters.*
- ◇ *Follow the words and use the pictures if reading to younger children.*
- ◇ *Talk about what is happening.*
- ◇ *Make predictions and leave with a cliff hanger!*

