

# Partners in Learning

## Video Suite



### Stages of reading development

Reading is a skill which is built upon through stages. Before school, emergent reading behaviours begin when children take an interest in books and writing. Beginning readers are developing an understanding of the alphabet, phonemic awareness, early phonics and sight words. When children are becoming fluent readers and they read new books, they may read slowly and deliberately.

### What is discussed in this video?

The video contains a reading coach discussing reading behaviours of 3 children at each stage of reading: emergent, beginning and fluent.

### What are the key messages that can be used to inform the school community?

- Reading is a skill that is built upon through stages.
- Emergent reading behaviours begin when children take an interest in books and the writing they see in the world. They imitate things they see adult readers do.
- Emergent literacy skills can be supported through everyday activities such as reading aloud to them, encouraging and praising attempts at reading, looking at illustrations together and reading favourite stories again and again.
- Beginning readers are developing an understanding of the alphabet, phonemic awareness and early phonics while also learning sight words.
- Beginning readers can be supported by encouraging them to have a go, discussing characters, expressing opinions and talking about the letters, sounds and words in texts.
- When children are becoming fluent readers they may read slowly and deliberately when reading *new* books.
- Children who are becoming fluent readers can be supported by encouraging them to discuss the text, express opinions and point out specific words.

