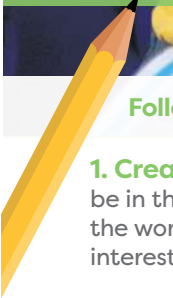




# 10 tips for introducing newspapers into classroom reading

Follow our top ten tips to motivate children to become avid newspaper readers.



**1. Create a buzz** – challenge pupils to be in the know about what is going on in the world and to be on the look out for interesting information.

**2. Holding and folding** – with books you mustn't bend spines and fold pages but with newspapers you can.

**3. Spot the text types** – introduce newspapers as non-fiction texts with particular features: reports, interviews, fact boxes, editor's comment, reviews and adverts.

**4. The role of headlines and photos** – with newspapers you don't have to start at the beginning and read to the end. The headlines and photos are competing to grab the reader's attention. Teach pupils to scan pages and make choices about which stories to read first.

**5. Investigate the sections** – newspaper readers have their favourite sections. Identifying sections with children helps them to develop reading habits and to make choices about what they want to

read. Also, give children different sections to review.

**6. Why are there adverts?** – Can children spot adverts and know when someone is after their money. In First News, they'll find adverts and advertorial features.

**7. First News paper round** – have children who are responsible for delivering the newspapers to each class and get everyone excited about reading the week's issue.

**8. What's your opinion?** – Use the Weekly Poll in First News or the iHub to start an instant debate on a dilemma in the news.

**9. Start a 'Discuss the News' Challenge** – being a newspaper reader makes you part of a reading community beyond the classroom so encourage pupils to share news stories with their friends and family.

**10. Make newspaper reading a weekly habit** – make news reading and iHub activities part of guided reading and homework every week.



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