

## **5 Handy hints for experienced readers**

1. Try everything! — confident readers will be developing their reading tastes — so introduce them to a range of books; adventure stories, funny stories, spooky stories, fairy stories, real-life stories and factual books.

2. Authors — there are many wonderful authors writing for this age group and they will each have a distinctive style of writing. Let your children read books by as many different authors, they'll soon know which writing style they favour.

3. Find out what's available - by asking children's librarians, bookshop assistants, teachers, and, of course, other parents. There are also school book clubs and specialist reading magazines that will keep you abreast of new material.

4. Series fiction — familiarity with a character breeds comfort and re-assurance. If a child has read a book about a character and/or a group of friends, they will certainly want to read more.

5. Playground buzz —there's nothing like it. Once one child has a favourite book, the others will want to follow and read, read, read.