

# **Reading Matters**

## For parents/ carers of 7-11 year olds

Instilling in children a love of books is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child and will impact on so many areas of a child's life. Not just academically but their social and emotional development and imagination.

How can parents encourage children to read when there are so many other things kids enjoy doing, most of which involve a screen of some sort?

This practical session explores 'reading to learn'. How can parents support their children with developing higher order reading skills like comprehension of fiction and using and understanding non-fiction texts to enhance their learning.

### **Session Outline**

- Discussing fiction, evaluating and critically analysing texts
- Using and understanding non-fiction texts
- Research skills, note-taking etc
- Strategies for children who struggle, who don't want to read & committed readers
- Fun activities to develop reading skills
- Recommended booklist for 7-11, useful websites

### **Session Includes**

Personal attention and feedback in an informal atmosphere

An invaluable booklet complete with information covered on the session

Opportunity to ask questions



### Facilitator: Rachel Vecht

Trained as a primary school teacher at the Institute of Education in London and taught in both the state and independent sector. She has also worked as a University mentor and lecturer to student teachers.

In 2001, she founded Educating Matters, in addition to becoming a mother to 4 children. She has supported and guided tens of thousands of working parents in the corporate and public sector globally.

She also delivers online parenting courses, speaks in schools, offers one to one consultations to parents globally and comments on parenting for the media, podcasts and blog posts.