

Top Tips for Reading

A guide to how you can help your child read at home. This could be their school books, a library book or any other book.

1. Encourage your child to read
2. Read aloud regularly
3. Encourage reading choice
4. Read together
5. Create a comfortable environment
6. Make use of your local library
7. Talk about books
8. Bring reading to life
9. Make reading active
10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them



- Reading helps your child's wellbeing and develops their imagination
- Read aloud to your child regularly. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life
- When your child is reading aloud to you, encourage them to use the picture clues to help them read simple texts
- Point out the punctuation in a sentence e.g. full stops, speech marks, exclamation marks
- Take turns in reading
- Use phonics to sound out words and then put them back together to read.
- Point out the main differences between fiction (story) and non-fiction (fact)
- Talk about the main event and ask simple questions about it
- Talk about the main character's feelings
- Point out story language, e.g. Once upon a time, big bad wolf
- Re-read stories and poems so that your child becomes very familiar with them and can retell them
- Talk about how the story relates to your child's experiences
- When reading non-fiction books use the contents page and index to find information

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