

Top Tips for Enjoying Reading With Your Child

Enjoy it!

- ✚ Snuggle up with a book that you both enjoy.
- ✚ Give encouragement and praise when your child has a go.
- ✚ Remember reading should be fun.
- ✚ Show your child how you enjoy reading.

Make time and space!

- ✚ Find time for you to be together.
- ✚ Ten relaxed minutes are more enjoyable than twenty rushed ones.
- ✚ Try to find a quiet place without distractions, turn the TV off!
- ✚ If they are tired or reluctant read to them instead, don't force them!

Be positive!

- ✚ Praise, encouragement and support go a long way.

Find out what they like to read

- ✚ Join the local library to widen the range of books that they can choose from.
- ✚ Let your child make their own reading choices sometimes. They need to develop reasons why they like or dislike books. It's ok not to like some books!
- ✚ Recognise opportunities for reading all of the time –posters, maps, fliers, recipes, instructions.

Talk!

- ✚ Talking about books helps your child become more interested and involved with reading.
- ✚ Asking questions will help your child to understand the text.
- ✚ Ask the children for predictions and opinions about the text.