

Tips for reading

- Make listening to reading a special time
- Predict with your child what the story is about.
- Ask questions about the pictures and the text.
- Look at the pictures and discuss what is happening before reading the text. Use some of the text/vocab in your discussion.
- Do read first if your child wants you to and take it in turns to read with your child.
- Give your child time to work out words.

Good readers use the following prompts:

1. Look at the picture
2. Look at the initial letter - "What does it start with?"
3. Sound out the word
4. Make a sensible guess - "have a go."
5. Read on - "does it make sense?"

Possible reading materials:

- Books
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Maps
- Instructions
- Recipes
- Letters
- Picture books
- Leaflets
- Non-fiction books
- Cereal boxes

Possible questions to ask your child:

- Did you enjoy the book? Which part was your favourite?
- Who were the characters in the book?
- Can you describe the different characters?
- Did you enjoy the book?
- Can you retell the story?
- Can you think of a different ending for the story?
- Are there any words that you do not understand?

MOST IMPORTANTLY

Praise your child's efforts, enjoy sharing a book together, let your child see you read.