

Top Tips for Sharing a book with your child

It would be great if you could take some time to share a book at home with your child. Even if your child is not yet reading there are some great skills you can work on with them.

Reading regularly with your child can be a really special time to enjoy books together and can really help to promote a wide variety of pre-reading and early reading skills.



Your child can learn to hold a book the right way up and turn the pages with care.

Seeing the reaction of children to particular books can show us the books they particularly like looking at and if they have favourites.

Your child may react to changes in your voice as you read the story to them.

If you use your finger to track the words you are reading, if there are words in the book, this can help your child to understand that we read from left to right and to distinguish words from pictures.

Your child may be able to repeat some words and phrases from the story and start to join in reading these with you.

Your child may remember what happened in the story and be able to tell you what is about to happen.

Your child may be able to point out characters and objects in the story.

Above all we hope that this opportunity provides you and your child with a special time to enjoy a variety of books together.

