



Reading at home

Hints

- Read for a short time everyday e.g. 10 minutes.
- Sit somewhere quiet and comfortable.
- Praise them for getting it right.
- Before you read, look at the front cover and the pictures and guess what the story might be about.
- Take turns at reading with your child.
- Point to the words as you read them.
- Show them where sentences begin and end.
- Stop and guess what is going to happen next.
- Talk about the character's feelings and actions.
- Count to 5 in your head before helping when they get stuck.
- Ask them to find particular words.
- Don't correct every little mistake.
- However confident children become at reading, they will still enjoy being read to.



Activities you can do when reading a book with your child.

- Find words starting with the same letter.
- Find different matching or rhyming words e.g. mat, hat.
- Think of other rhymes.
- Choose a few words from the story that your child find difficult and explain their meanings.
- Ask them to draw a picture of their favourite part of the story.
- Complete a book review sheet (ask your child's teacher for a sheet)
- Ask questions about why characters did certain things.
- Look for and read books by the same author.
- Think of a different ending for the story.
- Write a sentence, cut up the words and ask your child to put them in the correct order.
- Make a cartoon strip of the main parts of the story.
- Drama – act out the story with your child.