



How you can support your child with their reading

Reading to your child can help them to learn lots of new words. Try to read as often as you can with your child to help them listen, join in and understand what different letters and words look like.

Top Tips for Reading

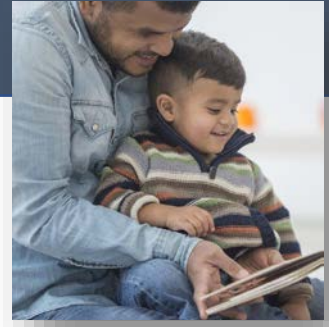
- Use your voice in different ways to make the story interesting for your child
- Point out new words and explain what they mean
- Look for rhyming words
- Ask your child questions about what they think and what might happen next
- Show your child that you are enjoying the book so that they see reading as a fun and enjoyable activity



Activity suggestions for reading - Online

	<p>Mya's Book Nook https://mayasbooknook.com/</p>	<p>Promoting language and literacy skills through diverse children's literature.</p>
	<p>Book Trust https://www.booktrust.org.uk/</p>	<p>A collection of online books that are free to use and fun to read.</p>
	<p>CBeebies Story Time https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories</p>	<p>Lots of stories to choose from for young children.</p>
	<p>Magic Keys http://www.magickeys.com/books/</p>	<p>Free online story books to read with young children.</p>
	<p>ReadLiverpool https://www.readliverpool.co.uk/</p>	<p>Free online library service. Borrow 8 books at a time.</p>

Activity suggestions for reading - Offline



Favourite books

Talk about your child's favourite books. Ask them questions about the characters, story and illustrations. Ask about why your child likes these particular books.

Make up new stories

Change stories that children know well or make up a completely new story. You could use the Tales Toolkit format as a guide. Your child might use teddy bears, toys or things found around the house to help them think of new ideas and to act out their story.

Make a cosy reading spot

Help your child to make a nice cosy space for reading and telling stories. This might be a den made of sheets and blankets, a comfy chair with lots of cushions or a quiet spot outside.

Make a puppet theatre

You could use a large box for the puppet theatre and make puppets using pictures from magazines or that have been drawn by your child. Lollipop sticks are great for keeping your puppet picture nice and secure. Simply cut your picture out and glue or tape it onto a lollipop stick, leaving enough stick at the bottom to hold onto. Help your child to make up new stories or retell their favourite ones.

Find letters all around

As you go about your day look for letters and words all around you. This might be on food packaging in the supermarket or on road signs you see while you are out for a walk. Talk to your child about the difference between letters.

Book Recommendations

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson



Go on an adventure through the forest with the mouse in search of the Gruffalo. Look out for lots of rhyming words in the story.

How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers



There was a boy and the boy loved stars very much. Find out about how the boy tries to catch a star of his own. Talk about how you might catch a star of your own as you read the story together.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Find out about the life cycle of a butterfly and days of the week with this classic tale.



Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman

A cheeky book about some aliens who come to Earth to steal your underwear! You could talk about what the aliens look like and use your silly alien voice to tell the story.



Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae



Join Giraffe as he learns to be himself and dance, even when he is told that giraffe's can't dance. Look for new words that your child might not have heard before and talk about what those words mean.



Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Go on a wild adventure with Max and the wild things. When the wild rumpus begins try and think of lots of interesting words to describe the sounds like 'babble', 'pandemonium' and 'commotion'.

You Choose by Pippa Goodhart

A great book to help you start conversations with your child. Encourage them to talk to you about what they would choose and why.



Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Talk to your child about friendships with this beautifully illustrated story of a fish who learns to share.



Kindness Grows by Britta Teckentrup

A lovely book to help children think about how to be kind to others. Help your child think about ways that they are kind as you read the story and share the peep-through pictures together.