Top Tips for Reading with your Child





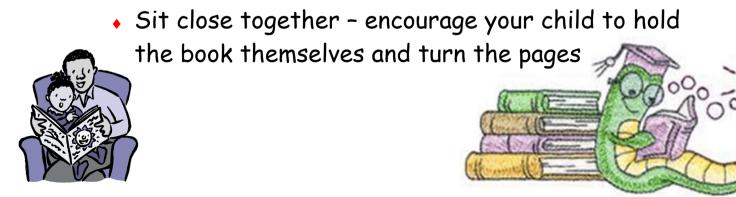
Make time to read

- This is one of the best ways to support your child's education
- Ten minutes a day can make a real difference to your child's achievement
- Little and often is the key
 10 minutes every week night is better than 1 hour
 once per week

Choose the right setting



- Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa
- Find somewhere quiet without any distractions turn off the computer, television and mobile phones



Talk about the book

Before reading

- Look at the front and back covers together these give clues to what the book is about
- Ask questions such as: "What do you think this book might be about?" "What do you think will happen to the characters in the story?"

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During reading

- Encourage your child to read at their own pace
- Encourage your child to:
 - Notice if something doesn't make sense and re-read it to put it right
 - > Ask their own questions if they don't understand something
- Discuss any new or unfamiliar words to ensure that your child understands their meaning
- Stop at intervals in the story and ask: "What has happened so far? What do you think will happen next?"

Pay attention to language and After reading punctuation

- Talk with your child about the book (the story, Help your child to work out words by using their characters and the setting) as they need to have a knowledge of letters and sounds
 - good level of understanding
 Encourage them to break down words down into a
 Ask your child to retell the story as it is important series of sounds and blend them together
 - to remember the main details or facts Your child needs to recognise common words
- automatically and understand their meaning what you have just read."
 - Look up unfamiliar words in a dictionary
- Ask for your child's opinion of what they have read: Encourage your child to respond to punctuation, "Did you enjoy the book? Can you explain why? pausing appropriately and varying their voice" What was your favourite part of the book? Why?"







Enjoy reading!

To foster a love of books:

- Make reading time fun
- Show your enjoyment
- Let your children see you reading

"If parents make books part of their lives, then books will become more a part of their children's lives"

