

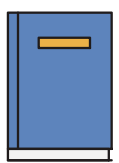
READING AT HOME

You can make a difference by reading books at home with your child. You can make a BIG difference by reading a book every day. Relax and enjoy your time together as you read.

As you read the book, stop and chat. You can talk about the words or the pictures. If your child likes a picture, then that is a good place to stop and talk. You might comment that you like the picture too – or that you think it is funny. If the story is making them laugh talk about why it is funny. Stop and chat a few times while reading the book.

Reading the same book again and again is really helpful. If you find a book they really like, that's awesome! Read it lots of times. When we read a book many times it helps children learn more about how books work.

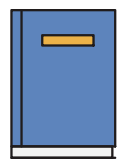
Tips for reading at home



Reading books with your child shows them how important books are.



If you need ideas for books to read, ask your child's teacher about books they enjoy at school.



If you're not sure about reading the book, you can often find a video on YouTube of someone else reading the book. You can watch the video together with your child – or you can watch it at another time to practice. If you watch the video together, don't forget to pause it and chat about the book.



Some children really enjoy books with music. You might find a book based on your child's favourite song or try singing the book if possible!



Remember, you can borrow books from your child's school or from your local library

Time to Communicate!

If your child uses an AAC system, like Proloquo2Go or PODD, this is a good time to use it. You can use it to talk about a character in the book – use the describe section or the opinions section and find some words to use.

The more that you use AAC the more they learn about using it.

HAVE FUN READING!

