

Top Tips for Happy Reading!

Parents and carers play a vital role in their child's reading development. Here are just a few things to remember.

- Try to find 10 minutes every day to read together or share stories in a relaxed and friendly way.
- Praise, praise, praise and be positive at all times. Give plenty of encouragement.
- Chat about what you have read and what is happening in the pictures. Try and predict what might happen next.
- Let your child see you reading e.g. instructions, books, newspapers and magazines, so that they realise how important words are.
- Talk about words that you see around you, names, TV adverts, recipes, signs and in the supermarket etc.
- Visit the library.
- Make a scrapbook of favourite pictures, photographs and other special things.
- Sing songs, reciting well known poems and rhymes.
- Play word games and puzzles.
- Remember that your child doesn't have to read only story books. Encourage your child to read any type of print, newspapers, magazines, catalogues - the list is endless!

But more importantly, laugh, have fun and enjoy the written and spoken word.

