



EYFS

Top Tips For Sharing Books With Your Child



"You are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping them to learn to read."

Ways to look at books with your child before they can read words

- Always let your child hold the book and turn the pages—it helps to make them independent readers
- Look at the pictures together and talk about what might be happening in the story. This will help them to learn that events happen in sequence and stories have a beginning, middle and end
- If there are some words, help your child to follow them with their 'reading finger'
- Do they recognise any of the words?
- Can they spot a familiar word anywhere else in the book?
- Be a '*sound detective*' and look for letter sounds in the words—ask your child which ones they are learning at school (you can always check with the teacher)
- Point out speech bubbles, full stops, commas, question marks and exclamation marks!
- With repetitive text, encourage them to join in
- Can they 'predict' what's coming next in the story?

- Choose one word on a page and really look at it closely—how many letters are in the word, can they use their letter sounds to find out what it says? Does it appear again in the story?
- Many early reading books have questions or prompts to use with your child on the back cover
- **Do not always change the book every day—it's good to look at a book again!**

These are just a few ideas to help you—above all remember to make it an enjoyable experience and help your child to develop a love of reading which will last a lifetime.