

Book Share Tips



Reading develops your brain and provides a window into the world around you. There are so many ways that we can help our children learn to read and enjoy books.

Home language - the brilliance of bilingualism!
Reading and talking about books in your home language helps your child's language development.

Words are all around us - pointing out road signs, bus numbers and places, food labels. Talk about what the words say.

Making time to read - maybe share a story or book at bedtime.

Turn off the TV - Put the phones away and look at books- it's much easier to concentrate with fewer distractions.

Looking at the pictures together and talking about what you notice helps a child to make sense of the story.

Show your child how to **look after books**; which way up, turning the pages, looking at the pictures, pointing to the words as you read them.

Favourite books - children often have a favourite book or story and will often want to read it over and over again. Children love repetition and this helps them to understand and remember the language they hear.

Children love to 'pretend' to read. Encourage them to read you stories and give them attention.

Talk about the places, characters in stories as this will help to increase your child's understanding.

Most of all... relax and enjoy finding out about new things or going to another world with your child through stories.

Further information and ideas for exploring books with your child, book-based games and book recommendations please see website links below

Booktrust

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Literacy Trust

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/parents-and-families>

