




TOP TIPS FOR READING TO YOUR CHILD







It is one of the best ways to help them get ready for school



Spending just 10 minutes reading together every day:

-  Helps your child develop social and emotional skills
-  Strengthens their bond with you
-  Helps them grow into a confident, happy learner.

Tips to help you enjoy books together every day!

-  Find somewhere quiet away from noise, television and mobile phones. Cuddle up together, get brothers and sisters to join in and enjoy stories and rhymes together.
-  Allow your child to choose books they love. It is okay to read the same book over and over again because familiar books are comforting, they help develop fluency and build confidence in young children.
-  Have fun! Make animal noises or sound effects as these help to bring the story to life and will make you both laugh! Try pulling funny faces or putting on character voices – these always make children giggle!
-  Let your child be the storyteller. They can ‘read’ the pictures to you and talk about what’s happening on the page.
-  Ask questions when you’re reading together such as:
 - Look at the cover and talk about what the book might be about.
 - Include more specific question such as, ‘Why the bear/child is going into the woods?’
 - Encourage your child to ask lots of questions. Asking question is one of the most important skills that a learner needs!
-  Visit your local library – this is a great way to try different books and you can borrow books for free. See if they have a Rhyme time or Storytime session where you can meet other families and enjoy rhymes together.

For further information see <https://www.booktrust.org.uk> and their Reading with Your Child 3-4 booklet

