

Enjoying Reading Together



You can help your child to understand that reading is useful in everyday life by:

- Making a shopping list together and reading it again when shopping.
- Asking your child to spot different signs together on your walk out - on buses and lorries, on shop windows, on street signs and written on the road
- Reading a recipe together and making it together-more maths skills

Talk about reading and explore different ways of reading:

- Talk about their favourite story or information book
- What did they like about it? What didn't they like about it?
- See if there is a book they can really 'escape' into
- Talk about how 'portable' reading is and how useful it is when they say they're 'bored'
- Remind them that all reading is good reading
- Encourage them when they're really enjoying a collection or set of books
- Pass on the excitement about your own reading – any reading that you enjoy!
- See which of you is first to read a new book that comes out
- Encourage them to read to younger children
- Talk in some detail about what they've read
- Give lots of encouragement, such as:
 - Together, look for more books by the same writer(s)
 - Use the internet, shops and libraries to explore the huge range available
 - Grandparents and other adults are a great source of encouragement – why not use 'facetime' to read together?
 - Reading a recipe together and making it together

Lots of opportunities to read:

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| ▪ Comics | ▪ Annuals |
| ▪ Books by Roald Dahl | ▪ Fairy stories |
| ▪ Books by J K Rowling | ▪ DVD of a story |
| ▪ Scary stories | ▪ Joke books |
| ▪ Book to go with the film | ▪ Anything she or he likes ... |