



Reading with your child



**Spending a few minutes every day reading with your child is really important.*

**Share the book in whichever language you feel most comfortable with.*

**Take an interest in the books your child is reading. Ask them to show you the books they have brought home from school and tell you about them.*

**Begin by looking at and talking about the front cover. Look for any familiar characters and talk about what you think the book may be about.*

**Look through the book and talk about the pictures so that you get an idea of what the story is about.*

Don't worry about reading the words yet.

**Go back to the beginning and read each page. Allow your child to read the book to you if this feels more comfortable. If your child struggles with a word, encourage them to 'sound it out' or to use the picture to help them. Give them a chance to work it out, then tell them if they are still unsure.*

**Talk about what happened in the book together.*

**Don't worry if your child wants to share the same books with you over and over again. Children often have favourite books and want to hear them regularly!*

**Enjoy spending time with your child and show them that you value books and reading!*