



Reading at home

Reading with children is an opportunity to:

- teach the skills of reading
- to promote a love of books

To get the most out of reading at home try:

- * Book Talk – discuss the book (front cover, author, illustrator, what is it about, etc.)
- * Make links to other similar stories you may have read (traditional tales, characters, etc.)
- * Discuss preferences (what type of books do you and your child like best?)
- * If support is needed, encourage your child:
 - to use phonics as a primary approach (*“Can you sound it out?”*)
 - to use picture cues (*“Look at the picture. Does that give you a clue?”*)
 - to re-read the sentence (*“What could the word be so that the sentence makes sense?”*)
- * If the child is still struggling, tell the child the word, demonstrating how to use the skills.
- * Ask questions to assess and deepen understanding (*“How is he feeling? **How do you know?** What might happen next? **What makes you think that?**”).*

Encourage a love of reading

Children enjoy different types of texts. All reading is beneficial. Please record in Reading Diaries if your child is reading information books, comics, magazines, or their own story books. The more opportunities to read, the better!



To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.

– Victor Hugo