

Supporting Reading

Reading a story together every night makes a huge difference!

Story time is a really special time to enjoy with your little one. When sharing a story talk about the characters, their dilemmas and the setting of the story. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel. Reading every day to your child makes a huge difference!

Key vocabulary to include during play and story time...
Story, book, character, setting, problem, once upon a time / beginning, the end, page, writing / text / words, pictures / images, front cover, author, title.
Key questions to ask when sharing a story...
Who do you think the story will be about? (looking at the front cover) Who are the characters in the story? Tell me about the characters? Where is the story set? What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that? What do you think ___ will do? How do you think ___ is feeling? What was the problem in the story? How was the problem solved? How did the story make you feel?

There are lots of ways that you can support your child through play. Here are some ideas:



Make a story sack and tell a story.



Build a story den.



Make a story map.



Enjoy stories by torch

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are a lovely way to support your child's love of reading. At home, try singing nursery rhymes at different times of the day. This can also support making every day routines much more fun, e.g. when getting dressed and having a bath. Actions and props make nursery rhymes accessible to even the youngest of children whose language maybe limited. Make instruments to accompany your singing. This maybe banging on pans or making shakers with rice and pasta.



5 Little Ducks

