

Top Tips for reading with your child



- Find a cosy, quiet place where it is easy for you and your child to concentrate.
- Allow your child to talk about the front and back covers of the book and read the blurb. (The information on the back)
- Give your child time to look at and discuss the pictures on the pages before reading.
- Let your child read at their own pace. They will try to segment (sound out) some words and then blend the sounds together to work out what the word says – for example s-a-t = sat. This takes time and is quite tricky – count to 10 in your head to give them the best chance of doing it themselves.
- Make sure you give them lots of praise – you can help by sounding out the words together if need be.
- Most important of all...
- Keep it short (between 5 and 10 minutes every day is best)
- And keep it fun – praise and praise again!!
If your child is not giving you very good vibes – stop and try again at another time – morning time is often the best (if you have time!!)